

**Reisterstown Improvement Association, Inc.**  
**P.O. Box 856**  
**Reisterstown, Maryland 21136**  
**Founded 1758**

**Meeting Agenda – November 29, 2016 - 7 P.M.**

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Attendance: Glenn Barnes, Kathy Gambrill, Mary Molinaro, Herb Weiss, Kim Drapkin, Mark Stewart, Jimmy Roberts, Ernie Schmidhauser, John Barnard, Gini Trotti, Ken Camper, Tina Asher, Greg Klein, Irwin Kramer, Sgt. Mike Harvey, Officer Alex Arthur, Officer Keith Stewart, Officer Christopher Dearman, Councilwoman Vicki Almond, Jeanne Andrews, Delegate Jay Jalisi, Betty Ann Rigney, Maggie Herman, Mike Ruby, Michael Donnelly, Pat Brooks, Diana (Dee) Cooper, Meredith Wells, Tim Bishop, Trish Bentz, Sarajane Quinn, Ruth Mascari, Charlie Hoppa, Jeffrey Eline, Ben Brooks, Rob Johnson, Ken Camper, Jeff Eline

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**President – Glenn Barnes**  
**Vice President – Kathy Gambrill**  
**Secretary – Mary Molinaro**  
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<b>Mark Stewart</b>	<b>Charles Brittain</b>
<b>Herb Weiss</b>	<b>Pat Brooks</b>

**“Reisterstown’s Main Street is a Destination.  
Not Just a Drive Through Road.”**

**Welcome Our Newest Members;**

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**Special Presentation**

**Patricia Bentz, Executive Director of the Preservation Alliance of Baltimore County, will present a grant check to Jeff Eline for repair of the clock winder of the Old Clock Tower clock on top of the Ionic Lodge at Main Street and Chatsworth Avenue. Councilwoman Vicki Almond assisted with this project and will also attend.**

All the members from the Preservation Alliance of Baltimore County introduced themselves, (Meredith Wells, Tim Bishop, Trish Bentz, Sarajane Quinn, and Ruth Mascari) and Trish explained that this is a very unusual grant because it is the first time they awarded the full amount. Normally it is split between multiple projects. However, they were impressed with many aspects of the grant such as the fact that the clock has been wound every Friday night for the last 5 – 6 generations of the Eline family. Jeff Eline has been doing it for now, coupled with the uniqueness of the bell itself and historic value to the town. They presented a check to Jeff in the amount of \$4,331.72. Jeff thanked them and said it will do a lot to fix the problem of the fraying cable. He explained to everyone that the clock originally hung in Goodwin Hall located in the north section of Main Street . However, when that was taken down to make room for the shopping center near the Rt.140 and Hanover Road split, the clock was relocated to the Ionic Lodge where each Friday he goes to wind the clock.

**Police Report**

Sgt. Harvey reported for the group and said they have seen a dramatic reduction in theft from autos and encouraged everyone to: lock your car, don’t leave the car unattended while it is warming during cold weather, be aware of your surroundings when you leave a store and return to your car. As always “see something, say something.” They then took questions from the group and said that while in truth Main Street is currently not one of their high crime areas they of course will continue to monitor it. One question was whether there are actually tech devices that can use your keyfob to open the car without your knowledge and none of them had heard

of such a thing. They were aware of the robbery at WAWA in the early morning hours and that is still an open case. Glenn asked them to check with Capt. Foulderauer about a speed sign as there are only a couple in the county if we are on the list to again place it on Main Street. There are complaints of people speeding south on Main Street coming out of the curve by Wawa making it very dangerous with all the ingress and egress opportunities.

### **Council Report**

Vicki had to leave for another meeting so she gave her report next. She spoke about the fact that the Chamber needs to fill the position vacated by Mary Ellen Morrison to continue to be vibrant in the area. She said that there is discussion about merging with the Pikesville Chamber since the areas border but there isn't any agreement to do so at this time. In Owings Mills the focus is on the construction and growth around Foundry Row, up and down Reisterstown Road near there and the Metro Center. She said Greenberg Gibbons also bought controlling interest in St. Thomas Shopping Center and will redevelop it. There is interest in the old Krispy Kreme building and CJs and Wendys are staying. There may be some senior housing in the area where the old Regal Bank was located. The state plans to redo 140 from Garrison View up to Owings Mills Blvd. Old Frank's Nursery building will become a small car dealership, Quarry Lake is looking for a food store. Glenn said a NY buyer is ready to sign the papers for the 2 Chartley Shopping Centers. No decisions have been made about the Mall. The developers of Foundry Row, the Metro Center and the community are very interested in the design and stores that are coming to the Mall. Some have hopes that it will not be big box stores. She was also asked about any news with the Reisterstown Shopping Center as those in attendance would like to see that project started. Vicki said she has seen some preliminary plans and believes we will be pleased and said it includes some good green space. They are still waiting for the last few leases to expire but she has asked them to move ASAP. She was asked to have the managers make it safe meanwhile as the lighting is out on one side and it is just too dark for people to go to the few remaining stores or bank branch and feel safe. Chick-fil-a is to start construction early in 2017

1. **Call to order –Introductions of those attending.** The meeting began at 7:00 pm.
2. **Review of minutes from last meeting-** Glenn asked if everyone read the minutes and whether there were any corrections. Ernie made a Motion to accept the Minutes, Jimmy seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously as published on the website.
3. **Treasurer's report - Kim Drapkin**-The current bank balance is \$16,187.66. She distributed copies of the Profit & Loss Statement showing Income and Expenses and asked if there were any questions. We did receive the remainder of the CRAG grant (\$2,500.00). There will most likely be a few last expenses from Small Business Saturday and Holidays on Main Street events and will try to get everything paid by the end of December. She was asked if there is interest earned and she said no, it is not an interest-bearing checking account; but, she will ask about it. Currently we are happy with BB&T after the switch and Kim said yes.
4. **Membership Report – Kathy Gambrill – Renewals & New Members \$25 yr.**  
**To remain on the website roster our annual \$25 dues must be paid. If you check our site and your name is missing your membership has probably expired.** Kathy thanked those who are our renewing members and our new members. We have 4 new members since our last meeting. They are Drive with Compassion, Roger Ensor Plumbing, Eileen Katz-Schulman with Family Matters, and Coral Norman  
Renewals included:
  1. Glyndon Gardens
  2. Pro Care Auto, LLC
  3. Reisterstown Seventh Day Adventist
  4. Simple Changes

Kathy was asked how many total members we have and a suggestion was made to divide \$25 into the total income to determine those paid in 2016 with still a month

to go since some members renew in the last quarter. She said she first sends an email reminder and then follows up with a letter and possibly a visit. We have a big increase this year over our past years.

## 5. President's Report

**Baltimore County Code Enforcement role? Main Street and in the residential communities. Call 410-887-3351 for information.** Glenn asked if anyone had an issue or reason to submit something to the county. No one in the room said they had filed a complaint about Main Street.

**The former Main Street Grille will reopen soon. The main part will be called Chicken Shack (charbroiled-peruvian style) and an add-on in the back will serve Open Pit Beef. They are remodeling the building and added onto the front/side. It will be finished in mid-December. The owner is not sure if he will open then or wait until early January.** A comment was made that it doesn't look like they have started the inside yet so hard to believe they would be ready by mid-December at this point of the remodel.

**4<sup>th</sup> District Councilman Julian Jones announced recently that Walmart WILL NOT be building a Supercenter Store on the Mall site. A recent story in the BBJ said there are mixed feelings about the site. Some want box stores like Kohls, Lowes and Burlington and some want an Avenue with more housing surrounding it.** Everyone will be waiting anxiously to see the final plans and names of the tenants. Costco is another possible store everyone to see considered.

**Small Business Saturday was celebrated on Saturday at 223 Main Street where free tote bags were given out along with snacks and drinks at our Welcome Station. The event was hosted by Bransfield Motors. We had 2 canopies setup there. Holidays on Main Street was also celebrated from 3PM to 6PM. Live music, children holiday crafts, visit with Santa and hot chocolate was served. At 5PM there was caroling and a holiday lighting. Please acknowledge Carin Smith our Promotions Chairwoman who arranged everything. Many helped including: Kathy, Dan, Ernie, Pat, Claude, Jimmy and Herb. I hope I didn't forget anyone.** Kathy said that it was a long day for our volunteers with the first setup starting at 9:30am until the final takedown and move of the float over to The Ski Shoppe where it will stay for the season around 6pm. It was so windy they didn't put up the tents and had to abandon some signage. However, everyone worked together to make it successful. She also thanked John Eichler who has been our host for the past 3 years and provided music, hot drinks and snacks. Kim said she noticed that all the stores she visited were displaying the Small Business signs; so, it was great to have all of them participate. Maggie said she had a steady stream of shoppers.

**Bay Country will be closing soon and they have a buyer for their property. They are selling their inventory through December.**

**Franklin Middle School is doing fund raisers to help their music department. We made a donation two years ago and voted last month to donate \$1,000. See old business! We need to schedule a time to present a check to the Principal.**

**The Crisis Center is looking for donations. A homeless man was recently seen sleeping outside next to Rite-Aid and three men outside Aldi near Office Depot at the Reisterstown Shopping Center.** Glenn also said Danny told him that we had someone sleeping on the bench by our Welcome Sign near Jiffy Lube when we cleaned last month.

**Franklin High won their state regional football game Friday night. Congratulations to their team and coaches. Their next game is at the Naval Academy.** Mary mentioned that the last game was actually a win of a semi-final game so the next game will be for the State Championship, potentially their 3<sup>rd</sup> in 4 years.

### **Main Street Committees Reports**

**We have 5 committees**

**If you would like to be on one of our committees, please let us know. Each committee chair will give a report tonight.**

**Organization Committee – Mary Molinaro**- We held a meeting November 16<sup>th</sup> reviewing the finances for RIA as kept by Kim in Quickbooks, reviewed the budgets of our events and will be asking chairpeople to prepare budgets for their 2017 events. These are specifically Music on Main Street, Farmers Market and the Promotion Committee. Mike, our Communication Director, is always looking for information about Main Street to write an article or post on Main Street that he can celebrate on Facebook so be sure to write him. We setup booths 36 times in 2016 passing out information to highlight Main Street and Mary thanked all of the volunteers and these many opportunities. Mary will email the 2015 Annual Report to the board members and committee chairpeople asking them to review it with suggestions of what to remove and what to add for our 2016 Annual Report as well as a list of Volunteers so that we can be ready to thank them at the January meeting. Mary sent reminder emails to the last 12 businesses who have not yet paid their renewal fee for the banners for 2017 and will work to complete this project by Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Economic Restructuring Committee --New Chairperson TBD**- We are still looking for a chairperson. Mike asked if this will be filled and asked what are we missing not having someone in this position. Irwin and Glenn both discussed the job description and therefore the profile of the person they are seeking. There were hopes that we could work with the Economic Development Chairperson of the ROMG Chamber of Commerce sharing the job of bringing businesses to Main Street. When Paul left both organizations were left empty. We need to find someone who can work with the County Planning Department and explain the low interest loan plans of which they can take advantage.

**Design Committee - New Website Designer - Irwin Kramer** - Irwin said he sent an email to board members about the plans for a "Banner Design Contest" for our next project. He wants to reach out to local schools, colleges, artists and will advertise on our website over the next couple of months choosing a winner in the Spring. He will then have a Sales Program and plan to replace the ones currently hanging next Fall. The website is doing well and he is looking for a better ecommerce solution.

**Clean, Safe and Green Committee -Dan Carey- Clean Main Street Day – Next one will be Saturday, December 3, 2016. Meet at Reter's Crab House & Grille Parking lot at 9 AM.** Danny was not able to attend; however, Kathy reminded everyone that we do provide the gloves, vests and trash bags. So, you just need to come help. The wreaths were all hung on the lamp posts. We have a few more decorations to hang and can hopefully do so Saturday if we get enough volunteers to help with trash pickup.

**Promotion Committee** - Carin Smith – Small Business Saturday and Holiday on Main Street Review! – she was not able to attend; but, sent a message that the events last Saturday were successful and thanked everyone who helped.

**Grant Committee and Main Street Fixtures (Benches, Trash Receptacles and Planters)** – Kathy Gambrill, Dan, Glenn and Linda. Glenn has delivered the 2017 Grant application to the Department of Planning in September. Special thanks to Linda Percy for preparing the grant again for us. Glenn received the remaining 25% of our grant from “Music on Main Street” from Bill Sibinski in the grant department. Thank you Baltimore County Office of Planning for your support! The final payment of \$2,500.00 was reflected in the Profit & Loss report Kim distributed and discussed earlier.

**Officers and Board Member comments?** There were no extra comments by officers or board members.

Ben Brook spoke about the Town Hall which was held November 11<sup>th</sup> at the Owings Mills Library and hosted about 66 people. He hopes to see more Reisterstown people at the next Town Hall meeting. He said the focus was to listen to the needs of the community as they prepare for the 2017 Legislative Session. He said he will be submitting bills that will address tax situations as related to veterans and those who are self-employed.

Rob Johnson spoke as representative for Senator Kelley. She has not completed her full agenda; so, he will report on that at a future meeting. He said she has been added as vice chair on the Judicial Committee this year and will continue in her role on the Finance Committee.

Mike Ruby said that he left copies of his November and December Country Crier on the table in the hallway for anyone to read.

6. **Music on Main Street Committee** - Dan Carey and Glenn –We attracted over 17,000 people to our concerts this year and thank those who attended. We are considering adding a few more dates for 2017. Will probably move to Franklin Elementary School while central air is being installed at Franklin Middle School.
7. **Reisterstown Community Cemetery Committee (1764 By John Reister)** - Co-Chairs Linda Percy and Chris Larkins. Kim reported that the Veterans Luminary Event was nice except it didn't have as many attendees as they hoped. They will work harder next year to advertise it. The next event will be Memorial Day. She did not have an update on the Cookbook project.
8. **“Bloomin ArtFest” Committee**-Mark Stewart – Need to move our location in 2017. Franklin Elementary School will probably be the site. Air conditioning is being installed at Franklin Middle School and we cannot use their site. Mark announced the next planning meeting will be held at Long & Foster, January 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm. It will be added to the website calendars and volunteers advised.
9. **The Franklin Precinct might have a representative attend tonight's meeting.** See report at the beginning of the Minutes

**10. Facebook comments about Reisterstown – Most concern lost animals, what stores are coming to the Reisterstown Shopping Center, restaurant reviews, yard sales, crime, Wegmans, Foundry Row, Owings Mills Mall demolition**

**11. Old Business:**

**1. Franklin Middle School Music Department...** see the report above in the President's Report section

**12. New Business**

1. Betty Ann announced that the Middle School Winter Concert will be held Thursday evening at 7PM at Franklin High School.

2. Irwin made a motion to allocate \$500 for the winning Banner Design entry in his contest this spring. Mark seconded the motion. There was discussion asking Irwin to explain more about why, for what., and wanted to encourage advertising it to local artists. A vote was taken and it was unanimously approved.

3. Kathy told everyone that the 2017 morning meetings will look to attract business and those who are not able to attend the evening monthly meetings. She decided to pick the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, January 10<sup>th</sup>, April 11<sup>th</sup>, July 11<sup>th</sup>, and October 10<sup>th</sup> at Reters Crab House at 10am.

4. Ernie made a motion "That the President of the Reisterstown Improvement Association (RIA) prepare a letter to the District Court of Maryland describing the activities performed by Jimmy Roberts for RIA and the importance of his enclosed box trailer to the success of RIA activities and events. " Kim seconded the motion and during discussion it was mentioned that he now has a few places that agreed to house the trailer and he chose to use NAPA on Westminster Pike to park it. A vote was taken and it was unanimously approved.

5. Ernie requested that we add a line item to the budget for 2017 the amount of \$1,000.00 for the storage of RIA equipment, materials and supplies and allocate it to the Facilities and Equipment category under organization. It was decided this didn't need to a motion but rather taken to the Organization committee to enter it as all the other budget items are prepared and the entire budget will be approved at the January monthly meeting.

### **Volunteering Your Time**

Volunteers form the backbone of our communities. They set the tone for our culture. Volunteering brings help and guidance to recipients and great satisfaction to the givers. It builds friendships, creates confidence and promotes natural leadership.

**Thank you for attending tonight's meeting.**

We will continue working with Jacob DeNobel -The Community Times, Michael Ruby with The Country Crier, Sarah Meehan with the Baltimore Business Journal, the Baltimore County Planning Department, Department of Economic Development, the County Executive's Office and the Main Street Maryland Program.

**Phone Numbers for 2016 Officers and Board Members**

**Glenn Barnes – President / 410-833-5400 or 443-695-2308**  
**Kathy Gambrill - Vice President / 410-979-8885 or 410-833-6551.**  
**Kim Drapkin - Treasurer / 443-289-4447**  
**Mary Molinaro - Secretary– Board / 410-908-0724 or 410-526-7190**  
**Linda Percy - Board /410-833-2062 or 410-244-6634**  
**Dan Carey - Board / 410-833-3820**  
**Maggie Herman - Board / 410- 833-5019 or 410 – 453 – 0490**  
**Mark Stewart – Board / 410-241-1057**  
**Irwin Kramer Board / 410-581-0070**  
**Carin Smith – Board /410-746-2354**  
**Charles Brittain – Board / 410-526-4443**  
**Herb Weiss – Board / 410-526-5300**  
**Pat Brooks – Board / 410-833-8215**

**Next Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at 7 PM at the Long and Foster Office - 321 Main St.**

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