

Reisterstown Improvement Association, Inc.
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Meeting Agenda/Minutes – April 26, 2016 – 7 P.M.

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2016 Officers:

President – Glenn Barnes

Vice President – Kathy Gambrill

Secretary – Mary Molinaro

Treasurer – Kim Drapkin

2016 Board of Directors:

Danny Carey

Mary Molinaro

Maggie Herman

Mark Stewart

Herb Weiss

Carin Smith

Linda Percy

Irwin Kramer

Charles Brittain

Pat Brooks

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

Welcome our Newest Members:

- 1. Call to order – introductions of those attending.** Meeting started at 7:08pm
Attendees – Glenn Barnes, Kim Drapkin, Irwin Kramer, Herb Weiss, Mary Molinaro, Pat Brooks, Mike Ruby, Susan Rose, Betty Ann Rigney, Bob Sanmarco, Jimmy Roberts, Maggie Herman, Wayne Yinger, Bob Reynolds, Eric Rutledge .
- 2. Review of minutes from last meeting** There were no suggested changes to last month’s minutes. Herb made a motion, Pat seconded it, and they were unanimously approved as written.
- 3. Treasurers report – Kim Drapkin** distributed the Balance Sheet as of April 26, 2016 and the Profit & Loss Report for March and April, 2016 were distributed. Kim explained the values on each report and our balance as of that date is \$25,830.02. The increase was due to a large part receiving the 75% of the grant for Music on Main Street concerts and Sponsor checks received. We have also had a good number of renewals for Membership.
- 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. We would like you to renew your membership and have your name appear on our roster again. There were 28 renewals and 3 new members this month (March). Great job Kathy!** Kathy was not at the meeting to give her report. Glenn thanked Betty Ann Rigney for

being our newest member. Kim's report showed that we have collected \$825 for membership for March and April which represents 33 members.

5. **President's Report**

Our CRAG Grant application was approved by the Baltimore County Department of Planning in February. We received 75% of the Grant on Monday (\$7500) with the signed Grant Agreements. The balance (\$2500) will be paid in September after the summer concert series ends. The MOMS bands that we get through Starleigh Entertainment require 50% upfront to hold the spot. Most of the grant money will be used to pay for the deposits.

Baltimore County Code Enforcement role? Main Street and in the residential communities. Call 410-887-3351 for information. Glenn said that if you can't get through to leave a message but several people mentioned at the meeting they don't get a call back when they leave a message. Reporting online might be the better choice because you will be given a number that can be tracked.

Raffle tickets were printed to benefit the Bloomin ArtFest. Prize is 2 terrace box tickets plus a parking pass (for 4 games) to park on the lot between Oriole Park and M&T Bank Stadium where the Ravens play. Glenn said that he has many left. The winner will be chosen at the first Music on Main Street concert May 27th.

Coffee with Kevin at Hannah More Senior Center with Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz was on Thursday, March 31 from 9:30 – 11:30am. Great turnout and interesting and informative comments from the County Executive. I presented him with a framed group photo from last summer's "Music on Main Street" night when we presented him an award for supporting our summer concert series.

Main Street Committee 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 – at our April 20th meeting we reviewed the reports from Quickbooks and the budget vs. actual reports for our committees which have their own budgets (Bloomin' ArtFest and Music on Main Street). We also discussed grant writing opportunities and were happy that the county sent the first check (\$7,500) for the 2016 MOMS grant. Linda was able to complete and submit an Arts Grant to help with the

cost of the Music on Main Street Events before the deadline. However, we haven't heard from anyone whether we have been approved. Mary met with an eagle scout who is looking to complete a project to replace the railings on the walkway between the Reisterstown United Methodist Church and the library parking lot. He has to complete the project before he turns 18 which will be in July. We discussed the 2016 items to sell. It will most likely be a T-shirt with the new design, either dark shirts with white letters or light shirts with dark letters.

Economic Restructuring Committee – **New Chairperson TBD** Glenn said that he has not been able to fill this position but with all the closing businesses we need to find someone to chair this committee.

Design Committee - + **Website Designer – Irwin Kramer** Irwin said that the website is ready to go and much information has been added to the calendar and directory. We need to continue to update information so that people have a reason to come back. We will try sending the weekly email from the website and try to automate it as much as possible. He sold out the leader boards at the top of the site to 3 businesses (Ristorante Firenze, Van Dorn Pools & Spas, and Reters Crab House & Grille). He is hoping to sell smaller spots on the left below the calendar and then wants to announce the opening of the website. Even without the public announcement of the site, there have been over 6,000 reviews to the Leader Boards. He is waiting to decide on the final website address to consider optimizing the site. He would like to give posting rights to various organizations in Reisterstown so they can add events to the calendar. He encouraged the idea that everyone can go and add date and stories so the site remains vital and interesting.

Clean, Safe and Green Committee – **Dan Carey – Clean Main Street Day – Next one will be Saturday, June 4, 2016. Meet at Reter's Crab House & Grille Parking lot at 9 AM.** Dan was absent

Promotion Committee – **Carin Smith** – Carin was absent

Officers and Board Member comments? None

6. **Music on Main Street Committee** – **Dan Carey and Glenn** – **We have added a Memorial Day Weekend Friday that would make 13 dates. We will offer a Memorial Day concert on Friday – May 27 and a 4th of July patriotic show. There will also be a 14th band at Bloomin' ArtFest.** This year we will have 2 security officers on the grounds in addition to the police who will be helping with the attendees crossing Main Street.
7. **Reisterstown Community Cemetery Committee (1764 by John Reister)** – **Co-Chairs Linda Percy and Chris Larkins** – Susan said the committee meets every 2 weeks. She

said they have been discussing creating a local cookbook as a possible fundraiser.

8. “Bloomin’ Art Fest” Committee – Mark Stewart – May 7, 2016 from 10AM to 5PM.

Mark was not at the meeting. Mary reported that there was a meeting this evening preparing the final mailing and brochures for the event. Pat reported that we have a great variety of craft vendors this year. She also said if anyone has a donation for the Bingo Game which is played by attendees as a way to encourage people to browse the booths to please let her know.

9. Capt. David Folderauer, Commander of the Franklin Precinct is away. May have Representatives from his Community Action Team attend tonight’s meeting. No one attended to give a report.

10. Facebook comments about Reisterstown

11. Old Business:

Farmers Market – Alice Reid will not be in charge of the Farmers Market this year and a new location and chairperson is needed. Does RIA want to step in and run this event in 2016? We discussed this at our last meeting. Several location were mentioned. In front of the Franklin Middle School where our concerts take place? Kim Drapkin has said she would be willing to be a chairperson. Kim reported that she has the gathering permits for the various days and it will be held at Franklin Middle School each Sunday from 10am – 1pm. It will start June 26th and run until the 1st Sunday of October. Cary Dunnington who is a cookbook author will be in attendance on a few of the Sundays to sell her book and give cooking demonstrations. You can contact Kim at kedrapkin@gmail.com or 443-289-4447.

12. New Business

Susan reported that Baltimore County will be painting all the woodwork at the Senior Center starting soon.

Mary reported that the work at 218 Main Street is now completed and looks very nice. Maggie spoke about Tina’s passing and said she was the “heart of Main Street” and no one knows at the moment what will happen with her properties.

Glenn reported that the contact at Greenberg Gibbons said there are a number of leases coming due soon and that Chick-fil-A will definitely be coming to the shopping center. There are at the moment two franchisee owners bidding for the location.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm

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 Elaina Clarke – 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

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Mark Stewart – Board / 410-241-1057
Irwin Kramer – Board / 410-581-0070
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Next Meeting

Tuesday, May 31st - 7pm at the Long & Foster Office 321 Main St.

Tuesday, June 28th - 7PM at the Long & Foster Office 321 Main St.

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