

Reisterstown Improvement Association, Inc.
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Meeting Agenda/Minutes – June 28, 2016 – 7 P.M.

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2016 Officers:

President – Glenn Barnes
Vice President – Kathy Gambrell
Secretary – Mary Molinaro
Treasurer – Kim Drapkin

2016 Board of Directors:

Danny Carey	Carin Smith
Mary Molinaro	Linda Percy
Maggie Herman	Irwin Kramer
Mark Stewart	Charles Brittain
Herb Weiss	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 7:05pm
Attendees – Glenn Barnes, Kathy Gambrell, Kim Drapkin, Tamara Schlossberg, Mary Molinaro, Pat Brooks, Bob Sammarco, Mike Ruby, Betty Ann Rigney, Nancy Severns, Jimmy Roberts, Senator Delores Kelley, Amy Steele, Danny Carey, Linda Percy, Calvin Reter, Ernie Schmidhauser, Elias Rizakos, John Barnard, Rob Johnson, Irwin Kramer, Mike Chiosi, Gayle & Greg Bucolo, Janet Waters, Herb Weiss, Eric Rutledge, Jonathan Schwartz, Beverly Goldstein, Mark Stewart, Michael Donnelly

2. **Review of minutes from last meeting** There were no suggested changes to last month's minutes. Calvin made a motion, Herb seconded it, and they were unanimously approved as written.
3. **Treasurers report – Kim Drapkin** distributed the Balance Sheet as of June 28, 2016 and the Profit & Loss Report for the month of June as well as Year to Date for 2016 were distributed. Kim explained the values on each report and our balance as of that date is \$22,753.61.
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 The Cow, Santoni's Market, Open Space Arts, Craig & Mary Whitcraft, Harryman House, Arti-st Music Center, Mondo Pizza & Bar, Katzen Eye Group, Center for Spiritual Living, RLK Security, and Sue Kessler for renewing their membership during the month of June. Also, thank you to new members including Katzen Eye Group who took over the Eickhoff and Rowe Optometry practice @ 310 Main Street and Crown Remodeling, LLC @ 324 Main Street. Kathy said we can now allow people to join on the website and she has applications if someone wants to join tonight see her after the meeting.
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 a reason to call and report a property. Jonathan said that you can call Councilwoman Almond's office and they can submit the problem for you allowing you to remain anonymous. Pat reminded everyone that you can also submit a problem online. Jonathan said they are working on a sign post that is broken off and just sticking up to get it removed. Mary said that she called the realtor listed on the for sale sign in front of the old Main Street Grille because everything in the gardens is overgrown making the property look bad but she had to leave a voice mail and hasn't heard from him yet.

The raffle drawing to benefit the Bloomin' ArtFest took place last Friday night at Music on Main Street. The prize was 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 donated the tickets and parking and paid for the raffle tickets. The winner of the raffle was Jack Gordon. Glenn's donation allowed us to receive a better profit on this year's raffle.

Mars grocery store will be closing the end of July at Reisterstown Shopping Center. Hopefully they will have a purchaser for their store and their employees can hopefully get jobs with the new grocery store. I mentioned Harris Teeter as a possibility at our last meeting. It was strictly speculation on my part and nothing more. An employee at Mars said HT was going there on Facebook recently. I don't know if this person was using my comment from a month ago or she has a connection in the store with someone high up. Harris Teeter was also mentioned as a possibility for the Owings Mills Mall site at one time. Jonathan said that employees of Mars wouldn't have any connection with Greenberg Gibbons who is still working on what they will be doing after they complete the Foundry Row project. He encouraged everyone to be patient as they purchase that property in 2011 and now 5 years later they will be opening. Greenberg Gibbons is known to do quality work and have invested a lot of money in the purchase of the shopping center. Food Lion is expected to close at the end of July. Giant acquired the business but Jonathan mentioned that due to anti-trust laws they will be unable to open a 3rd store in the area.

The former Main Street Grille will reopen in the future. Several people on Facebook connected with the owner have said the main part will be called Chicken Shack (charbroiled-peruvian style) and an add-on in the back will server Open Pit Beef. Stories indicate that Grant Pivec will be partnering with someone to open the store. We don't have a date to announce but stories on Facebook indicate October.

The restaurant formerly known as Playoffs near Office Depot will reopen as OC Brewing Co. The new sign went up today – Monday. They have locations in Ocean City and Abingdon near Belair. Glenn mentioned that reviews are very positive about the restaurant chain. Someone mentioned that the liquor license was sold to someone in Towson and they may need a new license. Others said this is highly unlikely since the business is all about liquor and licenses don't move from district to district like that.

Glenn shared an article which reports that Keccos Woodfire Kitchen signed a lease with St. John Properties for a new restaurant at Reisterstown Crossing Business community. It is a full-service sit down restaurant which specializes in Italian cuisine and features a brick oven to cook pizza. It is expected to open mid-summer.

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 June 22nd committee 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). Kim was successful setting up the SQUARE online so that we can accept credit card for purchases. Since the reader had not arrived by Wednesday, Mary purchased one at Best Buy (\$10) so we will be able to have two people should we get busy. We started selling at both the concert and Farmers Market. Mary wore a shirt to the meeting and brought some that could be purchased at the end of the meeting. The Sponsors on the board are almost completely paid and we continue to seek new ones. The Web advertisers are paid. We will continue to look for projects to improve Main Street and then hopefully apply for Grants to assist with them. Mary heard from the boy seeking to be Eagle Scout that the railings will be repaired July 8th .

Economic Restructuring Committee – **New Chairperson TBD** – Glenn said he is waiting to hear from a potential chairperson and not ready to announce this month.

Design Committee – **New Website Designer** – **Irwin Kramer**

www.reisterstown.com **Congratulations to Irwin Kramer for designing and building our new website. It's up and running. Great job Irwin!** Irwin said that he sold out the top banners and smaller banners on the left side for 2016. Monday he launched our first newsletter and has contacted various groups to register on the site so they can promote events of their organization and this website will be consider the place to go if you want to find out what is happening in Reisterstown. He also wants to encourage people to submit interesting articles. Of course they will be reviewed before approval; so, we can be sure everything is appropriate. We now have the ability for people/businesses to Join online. Irwin is able to see how many people open emails and his research indicates that if 15-20% open it is good and above that is great. We had a 27.3% open rate on the email announcing the new website and 33% open rate for the Monday morning email. The reminder email for tonight's meeting with the link to the minutes had a 67% open rate. He purchased the Professional Version of the website software so that we can do more with automating the emails. Mike Ruby asked him if we will expand the ad opportunity. Irwin said that possibly next year for the top and side; but, will look into the possibility of adding more slide show spots.

Clean, Safe and Green Committee – Dan Carey – Clean Main Street Day – Next one will be Saturday, August 6, 2016. Meet at Reter’s Crab House & Grille Parking lot at 9 AM. Dan said that he decided to cancel the July 2nd clean up day because of the holiday. He also said he contacted Sherwin Williams and is collecting quotes for the project to refinish the benches along Main Street.

Promotion Committee – Carin Smith – Carin broke her foot yesterday and was unable to attend the meeting and sent a text that she met with Eric from the library. Eric said they talked about the possibility of having restaurant/history tours this year and the Spooktacular is scheduled for October 29th.

Officers and Board Member comments? Mike asked Kathy if she had a sense of whether we have more members this year than last at this time of the year. Kathy said she will let him know next month. She can say that we have had 168 people/business join since we started in 2010, some have closed or moved and we have 116 active members in 2016.

- Music on Main Street Committee – Dan Carey and Glenn – The June 24th concert held last Friday attracted just over 1,000 people. We will have a 4th of July presentation by the Franklin High School JROTC. The band Under the Covers was outstanding and close to 30 people have responded on Facebook to the concert and quality of our band. We had a number of new guests for the concert and they have also commented positively on Facebook.** In spite of the threat of rain, it was not enough to stop the concert – about 30 Facebook comments talk about it being a great family event, thanks for organizing each concert, and only place in town. John Barnard works the crowd and talks to people who don’t wander up to the tent handing out the business cards with schedule. He said one group came from a town in PA about 150 miles away and will return it was so good. Jimmy said he posted to Facebook like Glenn. A question was presented about the actual time a choice is made regarding the concerts. Glenn said that it depends on the travel time of the band. The contracts say 3:30pm but some bands who are closer are willing to make a decision earlier to the concert time. Glenn said that he would like to thank Ernie for his work with the signs and collecting Sponsors for the season, Jimmy for the efficient setup and take down on concert nights and Claude for his assistance with creating/modifying designs to be submitted to Fast Signs for our new sign boards this year. Sponsors cost \$295 on the board and \$750 or more they will be considered Diamond Sponsors and can have a special night to promote their business. Calvin mentioned that he heard of a problem with ball playing and Glenn told him that will be discussed at the next Music on Main Street committee meeting on Thursday. The Franklin High School Marine JROTC has won county competitions the

last couple of years and will present colors for the holiday celebration, we'll say the Pledge of Allegiance and have patriotic music.

7. **Reisterstown Community Cemetery Committee (1764 by John Reister) – Co-Chairs Linda Percy and Chris Larkins. Linda will discuss the new Reisterstown Cookbook** – Linda spoke about St. Luke's on Bond Avenue. They received \$100K grant to renovate the Odd Fellows Hall they use for their congregation two years ago. Pine Grove was awarded the grant in 2016. St. Luke's will apply again for a 2017 grant; so, they can finish the project. Linda said they are handing out the directions and applications for recipes at both the Music on Main Street concerts on Friday nights and Farmers' Markets on Sundays. She will also leave a pile with Glenn at Long & Foster. She encouraged everyone to submit their favorite recipe. The books should be printed and available to purchase in 2017.
8. **"Bloomin' Art Fest" Committee – Mark Stewart – Wrap up Meeting on July 19 – 6PM** - Mark said we will have final financial information since the winner (Jack Gordon) was pulled at the concert last week. We can also set the next date and discuss any issues which will help the 2017 event.
9. **The Franklin Precinct will have a representative attend tonight's meeting.** No representative was able to come to the meeting.
10. **Facebook comments about Reisterstown** -

Tony Baysmore is on vacation so not that meeting tonight to give a report.

Jonathan reported for Councilwoman Vicki Almond who was at the 7th and final Councilmatic meeting for the CZMP process. Earlier this month the 2nd District meeting was held and the more contentious issues were in Pikesville and not up in our area. The final Decisions will be announced at the August 30th meeting. Next month the Home Act will be introduced which wasn't passed state-wide. It is already in some counties and deals with housing discrimination issues (housing voucher in Baltimore County – Federal HUD program) which will spread the opportunity throughout the county rather than concentrate eligible candidates in a single area. It will be introduced at the July 5th meeting and the hearing will be Thursday July 21st. The delay is due to scheduling conflicts. Also, this Home Discrimination Act is to help those with Alimony, Veteran, and Income trouble trying to purchase a home. There is already a program in Montgomery County, Frederick County and Howard County.

Senator Delores Kelley spoke about the 2016 scholarships and thanked Mary for helping with the scoring to choose the 2016 recipients. They have between \$40K and

\$50K for each official. She handed out her Legislative report and reviewed some of the bills for which she was successful in the 2016 legislative session and spoke about others she will hopefully reintroduce next year. She has been working for more productive juvenile justice system to discourage recidivism . She discussed that once a juvenile is touched by a police officer they are automatically entered in the system even though statistically 60% of them after 4-5 months have the charges dismissed. She spoke about the underpaid teachers in the juvenile justice system in MD so they can't get certified teachers. SB 241 which passed both the Senate and House dealt with proper notice to elderly and/or disabled residents when they convert property they lease as a senior building to a general public building. SB336 also passed both houses requiring hospitals to seek to identify a patient's post-discharge home caregiver so they can be prepared for aftercare duties. SB417 requires a plan to phase out the sub-minimum wage in MD by July 2020. The 1938 federal law which for decades authorized the payment of a this sub-minimum wage for persons with developmental disabilities who work for state and local operators of sheltered workshops.

Calvin said a big Thank You to Irwin Kramer for the work he did to create our new website.

11. Old Business:

- a. Farmers Market – Kim Drapkin will give us an update. The first one took place last Sunday in front of the Franklin Middle School where our concerts take place.** Kim reported that the 1st market on Sunday. You can contact Kim at kedrapkin@gmail.com or 443-289-4447. She will be working on getting more vendors for the market and putting the application forms on the website.
- b. We need to refinish the benches and are getting prices to complete this project. –**
- c. Kathy reported that she purchased flowers from Glyndon Gardes and added them to our four planters and because the trees have grown so large what to be careful to choose a style that will grow up and over the edge.**

12. New Business

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

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

Tuesday, July 26th - 7PM at the Long & Foster Office 321 Main St.

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