

Official Minutes of Rahway Arts and Business

Partnership Board of Trustees Meeting

May 11, 2017 7pm

1544 Irving Street Suite #204, Rahway, NJ

This meeting was properly advertised in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

The meeting opened at 7:00pm

I. Trustees Present: President Joel Schwartz, Vice President Larry Fishman, Ron Dolce, Matt Dobrowolski, Patricia Kozlowski, Councilman Rodney Farrar, Managing Director Ann Marie Williams, Executive Director Amy Garcia Phillips. Linda Chandler of P.O. Box 694 Rahway, NJ 07065 was in attendance.

II. Joel Schwartz motioned to accept the minutes from March 16, 2017. Matt Dobrowolski seconded. Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Abstentions: 2

III. The Executive team reported that the Taste of Spring went well. Due to outstanding invoices, the final accounting is not yet completed. Restaurant week was also a success and the restaurants gave feedback to make next year's better. The First Annual Adopt a Planter program launched.

The RABP and Rahway's Own Committee inducted the first annual class of Rahway's Own Rising Stars. These students were selected by their principals for outstanding character and achievement. On May 2nd they were celebrated at a reception and presentation at Rahway High School and a poster with their photos was unveiled. Each student received a poster.

The names of the Rahway's Own Class of 2017 was also announced: Assemblyman Jim Kennedy, Musician Daryl Dixon, Hall of Fame Wrestling Coach Fred Stueber, Scholar and author Ken Miller, NFL Rookie Dion Dawkins.

During this year's City run Munch Madness, Ann Marie Williams from the RABP organized a Sanctioned BBQ Competition, the only one in the North East, with 24 competitors. It was sanctioned by State Cookoff Association (SCA). The prize pool was over \$2000. The RABP secured sponsorship from Gunter Wilhelm, J Vrola and Walmart. We were also able to trade and barter with other vendors. Next year the RABP could consider branching off the Sanctioned BBQ competition as it's own event.

IV. Matt Dobrowolski motioned to accept the Proposed budget for 2017. Joel Schwartz seconded. Aye: 5 Nay: 0 Abstentions: 0

V. Matt Dobrowolski motioned to accept the Annual Report. Patricia Kozlowski seconded the motion. Aye: 5 Nay: 0

Joel Schwartz motioned to accept the RABP 2015 Audit. Matt Dobrowolski seconded the motion. Aye; 4 Nay: Larry Fishman abstained.

The date for next RABP Board of Trustee meeting was moved to Thursday, July 27th at 6:30pm. The Executive Team will put out a notice in accordance with the NJ Sunshine Act. The RABP now has an official page in the Rahway Review.


VI. Matt Dobrowolski motioned to invite Dave Crespo owner of Beana's Para Siempre, to become a Trustee of the RABP Board. Joel Schwartz seconded the motion. Aye: 5 Nay: 0

VII. There was no old Business

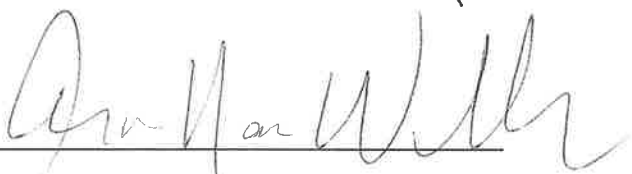
XI. Matt Dobrowolski motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ron Dolce seconded. Aye: 5 Nay: 0

Meeting adjourned 7:51pm

Respectfully Submitted by:



Amy Garcia Phillips, Executive Director



Ann Marie Williams, Managing Director

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