

**Rahway Arts and Business Partnership Board of  
Trustees Meeting  
September 28, 2017 6:30pm  
Rahway City Hall**

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This meeting was properly advertised in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.  
Meeting was called to order at 6:43pm

I. Trustees Present: President Joel Schwartz, Treasurer Ron Dolce, Matt Dobrowolski,  
Dave Crespo, Executive Director Amy Garcia Phillips, Managing Director Ann Marie  
Williams

II. The Executive Directors' discussed the progress of the city beautification projects  
including the YARN ART! and the Community Tree Tile projects that were a part of  
Culture Crawl and the Bus Stop Murals, of which the third installation is waiting to be  
completed.

The Bella and Luna Pop-Up Dog Park, organized by community member Joe Brown,  
was a great example of public-private partnerships. The doggie meet ups were used to  
promote Culture Crawl and then the the Pop-Up Dog Park was a location at Culture  
Crawl and drew more people to the event. .

Culture Crawl 2017 was a great success. The RABP implemented different marketing  
strategies, more sponsorship and new elements to the event this year to draw more  
attention and make each of the 10 zones more robust . Special thanks to Schieferstein's

Farm for the use of the hay bales and Rahway DWP, Police and Rec Center for their invaluable help. Special thanks to Danni Newbury and family who organized and ran the Tree Tile Project.

Patricia Kozlowski entered the meeting 6:49pm

The Storytime On the Go program, a mobile storytime for children that was a collaboration of the RABP, the Rahway Recreation Center and the Rahway Public Library and was used to draw attention to the the Thursday Farmer's Market at the train station plaza, was overall a success and included many guest speakers. The RABP intends to continue the program next spring, with a later start time to better benefit the vendor start time of noon. The logo was designed by Trish Lynn Designs.

III. The Managing Director presented the financials including the ending bank balances, SID payment update, the Shared Service payment update and the final expenses on the Storytime On the Go program.

IV. The Trustees request that the Executive Team examine the by-laws and term limits of all members and research a possible amendment that would allow the City Council representative the ability to vote. They also request a copy of the by-laws be sent to each Board member.

The Executive Team invites the the Board to the Rahway's Own artwork unveiling and celebration on October 18th at 1pm in the auditorium of Rahway High School. Current inductees are: Assemblyman, Jim Kennedy; Musician and Arranger, Darryl Dixon; NFL Rookie, Dion Dawkins; Author and Scientist, Dr. Ken Miller; Hall of Fame Wrestling Coach, Fred Stueber; with additional honors given to the continuing stories of Rahway's

Own Class of 2014's Miss Black USA, Daphne Lee and the new Bellatore Bantamweight Champion, Class of 2016's Darrion Caldwell.

The Board requests that the Executive Team review their hours and research options to get assistance when needed.

The Executive Team met with the creators of Midnight Market and are exploring a possible collaboration.

V. Dave Crespo motioned to accept the minutes from July 11th, 2017. Joel Schwartz seconded the motion. Aye: 3 Nay: 0 Abstentions: 2

VII. There was no Old Business

VIII. No items were offered

X.. There was no report presented.

X. Matt Dobrowski motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ron Dolce seconded the motion.

Aye: 5 Nay: 0

Respectfully Submitted by:



Amy Garcia Phillips, Executive Director



Ann Marie Williams, Managing Director

