

**Official Minutes**  
**Rahway Arts and Business Partnership Board of**  
**Trustees Meeting**  
**May 16, 2018 at 6:30pm**  
**Office of the Rahway Arts and Business Partnership,**  
**2 City Hall Plaza 2nd floor, Rahway, NJ 07065**

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This meeting was properly advertised in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.  
The meeting called to order at 6:33pm.

I. Roll Call

Trustees Present: Vice President Larry Fishman, Treasurer Ron Dolce, Danni Newbury, Patricia Kozlowski, David Crespo, Executive Director Amy Garcia Phillips, Managing Director Ann Marie Williams

II. Larry Fishman motioned to accept the minutes from January 11, 2018 meeting. Patricia Kozlowski seconded. Aye: 3 Nay: 0 Abstentions: 2.

III. Executive Directors' Report

Patricia Kozlowski motioned to accept the RABP 2017 Annual Report. Larry Fishman seconded. Aye: 5 Nay: 0

Ann Marie Williams has a new position as Secretary of the Planning and Zoning Boards.

The Executive Team reported that the Mayor is looking into opening parking access in an additional lot in the downtown. Larry Fishman requested that the signage be adequate. Amy Garcia Phillips and Ann Marie Williams reported that the Taste of Spring was very successful. Special thanks goes to Trustee Patricia Kozlowski for her design assistance and to Trustee Matt Drowolski for his tireless work as Committee Chair.

The Managing Director reported on the businesses opening and closing in the SID.

The Board would like to start a separate committee, lead by Larry Fishman with Danni Newbury assisting, to create a funding program to give to the businesses access to funds to create better signage and lighting. Danni Newbury will investigate at the Union County Community Development Block Grant. Ann Marie Williams will discuss with The City Planner.

Rodney Farrar entered the meeting at 7:01 pm.

#### IV. Financial Report

The agreement was that we would receive payment February, May, August and November.

We are still awaiting February and May.

Operating Account has a balance of \$160,855.20 as of 04/30/2018

Smaller Business checking account used for Online Paypal services has a balance of \$1,326.04 as of 04/30/2018

Managing Director reported the final receipts have not been received for Taste of Spring 2018 but we hope to have them by the next meeting.

## V. New Business

The Executive Team reported on upcoming events; Culture Crawl Summer Dance Concert July 6-8th; The City's Big Thursday ;Baile! Rahway Latin Dance parties every Thursday in June; UCPAC alternate prom sponsored by Union County's Office of LGBTQ Services; Train Station Farmer's Market beginning in June has increased to 10 vendors.

The Executive Team will be attending the Creative New Jersey Conference. Representatives will be meeting with the Creative Rahway team to discuss the ongoing collaborations happening as a result of the Creative Education team.

The RABP will approach the Rahway Restaurants in the SID about creating a town wide October Fest. If there is interest, Ron Dolce and Larry Fishman will follow up.

The RABP is planning to program the Paseo (walkway adjacent to 1501 Main Street) with more table and chairs, weekly live music, improved lighting and library boxes.

The City Clerk informed the RABP that the City Council member is indeed a voting member of the Board. Danni Newbury requested a letter from the lawyer that says: "We change the ideas on the current judgement. Upon review of the existing ordinance it is my interpretation that the City Council member is a voting member. "

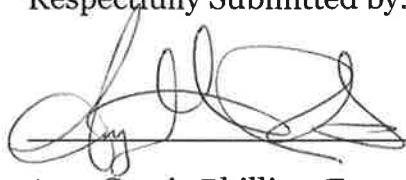
## VI. There was no old Business

## VII. There was no update from the City- Councilman Rodney Farrar

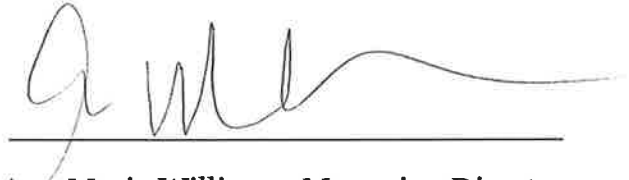
## VIII. There was no Executive Session

X. Ron Dolce motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:18pm, seconded by Larry Fishman. Aye  
5 Nay 0 Ab: 0

Respectfully Submitted by:



Amy Garcia Phillips, Executive Director



Ann Marie Williams, Managing Director

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