

Official Minutes
Rahway Arts and Business Partnership Board of
Trustees Meeting
September 12, 2018 at 6:30pm
Office of the Rahway Arts and Business Partnership,
2 City Hall Plaza 2nd floor, Rahway, NJ 07065

This meeting was properly advertised in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.
Meeting called to order 6:48pm.

I. Roll Call

Trustees Present: President Joel Schwartz, Vice President Larry Fishman, Treasurer Ron Dolce, Patricia Kozlowski, Councilwoman Joanna Miles, Executive Director Amy Garcia Phillips, Managing Director Ann Marie Williams

II. Larry Fishman motioned to accept the Minutes from July 12, 2018. Ron Dolce seconded.

Aye: Vice President Larry Fishman, Treasurer Ron Dolce, Patricia Kozlowski

Nay: 0

Abstentions: President Joel Schwartz

Absent: Danni Newbury, Dave Crespo

III. Executive Directors' Reported that the team is busy with preparations for Culture Crawl 2018 and are planning for nearly 200 artists.

The Culture Crawl "Pop Up Music in the Paseo", a weekly concert on Friday evenings that popped up on Friday evenings from the first week of June through the first weekend of September, curated by Nick Rosal or Atelier Rosal, was very well received.

Ann Marie Williams reported on the businesses that have received zoning permits, opened, and closed within the SID.

IV. The Managing Director reported that the total expense of the Culture Crawl Summer Music Series was \$1,734.58.

Treasurer Ron Dolce requested the last bank statement email be sent again.

V. The RABP welcomed their new Representative from the City Council, Joanna Miles.

The RABP would like to thank Rodney Farrar for his service on the Board.

Update from Committee "Rahway Celebrates Oktoberfest 2018".

The Committee acquired sponsorship: Corn Stalks were donated by Shoprite and the committee, along with volunteers will decorate the lamp posts, attaching them with zip-ties and ribbon; Northfield Bank has committed \$500 for banners;. Wizdom media donated sponsorship in kind to design the artwork; The Gramercy is pending as a potential sponsor. The members of the committee will request that restaurants with a liquor license ask their distributors make banner with similar graphics.

Patricia Kozlowski will assist by creating an Oktoberfest page on the RahwayTaste.com website that is dedicated to the specials the restaurants are offering.

Executive team will provide the waiver for the volunteers as well as send out the Press release.

Joanna Miles will reach out to Michael Cox and ask who is the pretzel vendor for Hot Rods.

Committee will discuss with the City how to dispose of the corn stalks, liability and placement of banners on City property.

Matt Dobrowolski joined the meeting via phone at 7:36 pm

President Joel Schwartz addressed the proposed amendment to the RABP bylaws that was brought before the board via email on Friday, August 31, 2018 for their review, more than 10 days in advance of a vote, per requirement of the current bylaws. Joel Schwartz proposed:

"Section 3. Election. The initial Trustees are set forth in the Certificate of Incorporation. All successor Trustees shall be chosen annually at the annual reorganization meeting of the Trustees by a majority of the Board, and shall serve for a term of three years each and until their successors are elected and qualified. No trustee shall serve more than three (3) consecutive terms".....

..... be changed to the following language, which has only one change, which is shown in **bold underline**:

*"Section 3. Election. The initial Trustees are set forth in the Certificate of Incorporation. All successor Trustees shall be chosen annually at the annual reorganization meeting of the Trustees by a majority of the Board, and shall serve for a term of three years each and until their successors are elected and qualified. No trustee shall serve more than **four (4)** consecutive terms."*

The Board discussed increasing the term limits of the trustees from a three, 3 year term limit to four, 3 year term limit with the stipulation that the Executive Team will discuss some of the requirements and expectations of any members currently eligible for the extended forth term. The Board agreed to set a goal of adding two new trustees to the Board by June of 2019.

Joel Schwartz will create guidelines that Trustees should keep in mind as they consider potential members. All Trustees are requested to suggest a potential new member for the Board to vet.

Larry Fishman motioned to accept the proposed amendment to the bylaws. Ron Dolce seconded. Aye: 5 Nay: 0 Abstentions: 0

Aye: President Joel Schwartz, Vice President Larry Fishman, Treasurer Ron Dolce, Patricia Kozlowski, Matt Dowbrowolski

Nay: 0

Absent: Danni Newbury, Dave Crespo

Abstentions: 0

President Joel Schwartz appointed a Nominating Committee of Joel Schwartz, Larry Fishman and Amy Garcia Phillips.

Matt Dobrowolski left the meeting at 7:57pm

Matt Dobrowolski rejoined the meeting at 8:02pm

VI. Joel Schwartz commended the RABP, Committee chair, Matt Dobrowolski and the entire committee for the work on the Taste of Spring. Mr. Schwartz also praised the Oktoberfest Committee and commended the Managing Director and Executive Director on the Pop-up Music in the Paseo project.

The Directors recapped the discussions at the SID Director round table that took place in Fanwood on September 12th.

President Joel Schwartz proposed to appoint Patricia Kozlowski as Secretary of the Board until the annual reorganization meeting in March of 2019.

Ron Dolce motioned to accept the appointment. Larry Fishman seconded.

Aye: President Joel Schwartz, Vice President Larry Fishman, Treasurer Ron Dolce, Patricia Kozlowski, Matt Dobrowolski

Nay: 0

Abstentions: 0

Absent: Danni Newbury, Dave Crespo

VII. Update from the City- Councilwoman Joanna Miles reported the Friends of the Library, of which she is also a board member, aims to show off the businesses and Rahway through the Progressive Dinner.

VIII. There was no Executive Session

X. Ron Dolce Motioned to Adjourn the meeting. Larry Fishman seconded.

Aye: President Joel Schwartz, Vice President Larry Fishman, Treasurer Ron Dolce, Patricia Kozlowski, Matt Dobrowolski

Nay: 0

Abstentions: 0

Absent: Danni Newbury, Dave Crespo

Meeting adjourned 8:39pm

Respectfully Submitted by:



Amy Garcia Phillips, Executive Director

Date signed: 11/8/2018



Anna Marie Williams, Managing Director

Date signed: 11/8/18

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