

**Official Minutes for Rahway Arts and Business
Partnership Board of Trustees Meeting
January 22, 2019 at 6:30pm**

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

Call to Order: Meeting Called to order 6:39 pm

Roll Call:

President Joel Schwartz

Vice President Larry Fishman

Secretary Patricia Kozlowski

Treasurer Ron Dolce

Danni Newbury

David Crespo

Councilwoman Joanna Miles

Executive Director Amy Garcia Phillips

Managing Director Ann Marie Williams

*Absent from the Meeting: Matt Dobrowolski

Minutes: Any necessary changes to the minutes of November 8, 2018 shall be made at this time and approved by action of the Board.

Motion: Dolce First: Schwartz Second: Kozlowski

Yes: Schwartz, Fishman, Kozlowski, Dolce Nay : 0

Abstain: Dave Crespo, Danni Newbury

Absent: Dobrowolski

Meeting Summary:

RABP happenings discussion:

The Executive Team reported that the Annual Report was delayed due to the illness of Joel Schwartz.

The Sign and Awning Grant Program has been launched and there have been many inquiries. The RABP will report to the Board as applications are received.

The lawsuit regarding the expansion of the SID was thrown out by the judge. The City will be moving forward with the expansion.

Danni Newbury entered the meeting at 6:49pm

Joel Schwartz suggested that the RABP research the grants listed on the Small Business Guide and determine if they are helpful to the downtown businesses. Danni Newbury will research the grant offered by Union County Economic Development Corporation (UCEDC), as she is on the board. This is a non-profit organization that has an initiative to fund diverse business owners. Ann Marie Williams will research the New Jersey Business Finance Corp's SBA loans.

Expenditure Review:

The Managing Director reported on the final expenditures for the City Beautification/ Branding, Small Business Saturday and Winter Wonderland programs and the final bank balances for the conclusion of 2018.

The RABP gave an update of upcoming calendar events.

New Business Update:

The name change from Rahway Arts District to the Rahway Arts and Business Partnership has been completed at RSI Bank and will be completed by the IRS in January 2019.

Matt Dobrowolski reported that a new storage facility for the Taste of Spring decorations must be researched.

The Managing Director reported on the businesses that opened or signed zoning permits, changed names or closed since the November 8th meeting.

There being no further business; the meeting shall adjourn

Motion: Crespo

First: Schwartz

Second: Fishman

Yes: Schwartz, Kozlowski, Fishman, Newbury, Dolce, Crespo

No: None

Abstain: None

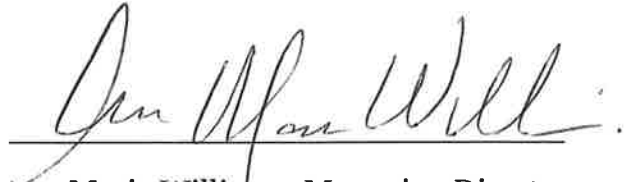
Absent: Dobrowolski

Meeting Adjourned at 7:33 pm



Amy Garcia Phillips, Executive Director

Date signed: 3/14/2019



Ann Marie Williams, Managing Director

Date signed: 3/14/2019

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