

Official Minutes for Rahway Arts + Business Partnership

Partnership Board of Trustees Meeting

September 12, 2019 at 6:30pm

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

Call to Order: Meeting Called to order 6:35 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 Special Meeting June 26, 2019, shall be made at this time and approved by action of the Board.

Motion: Dolce First: Dolce Second: Crespo

Yes: Schwartz, Kozlowski, Dolce, Newbury, Crespo Nay : 0 Abstentions: Fishman

Absent: Dobrowolski

Executive Session Minutes: Any necessary changes to the minutes of Executive Session I or Executive Sessions II on June 26, 2019, shall be made at this time and approved by action of the Board.

Motion: Dolce Second: Kozlowski

Yes: Schwartz, Kozlowski, Dolce, Newbury, Crespo Nay : 0 Abstentions: Fishman

Absent: Dobrowolski

Meeting Summary:

RABP New Business:

The RABP received the Audit for 2018 and gave it to President Schwartz for review.

RABP happenings discussion:

Amanda Strahn from the Office of Cultural and Heritage for Union County, New Jersey is collaborating with New Jersey State Council on the Arts to showcase public art work throughout Union County and asked us for photos of our public art.

The Executive Team reported on the over view of Culture Crawl as well as upcoming events including the City's Halloween Celebration on 10/31; Winter Wonderland on 11/29; Small Business Saturday on 11/30 and Rahway's Own Celebration on Oct 1.

Managing Director provided the current financials and Culture Crawl Expenditures up to present date.

RABP Old Business:

The Oktoberfest Committee recognized that this event will not happen for this year. President Schwartz will research similar events in other areas and report back to the committee. The Committee also agreed to plan out in advance who they will be asking for sponsorship so it does not conflict with other RABP events. The Committee will also schedule a time to meet with Administration this fall to discuss in advance any concerns.

The Executive Team reported that the City was not satisfied with the footage produced by Comcast for the commercial and will receive a refund as well as the content. The City will outsource the production of the commercial.

President Joel Schwartz advised that he will reach out to developers in advance of events in order to obtain more sponsorship for RABP events.

Update from City:

Councilperson Miles reported there was no update from the City.

Public Comment:

Guest: Mr. Larry Szabo of 851 Rahyon Terrace Rahway, NJ, 07065

Mr. Szabo expressed concern that there is a lack of cross promotion between City entities.

There being no further business; the meeting shall adjourn.


Motion: Kozlowski

Seconded: Dolce

Yes: Schwartz, Fishman, Kozlowski, Dolce, Newbury, Crespo Nay : 0 Abstentions: 0

Absent: Dobrowolski

Meeting Adjourned at 7:24pm



Amy Garcia Phillips, Executive Director

Date signed: 11/14/2019



Ann Marie Williams, Managing Director

Date signed: 11/14/19

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