

Official Minutes for Rahway Arts + Business Partnership

Partnership Board of Trustees Meeting January 9, 2020 at 6:30pm

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

Call to Order: Meeting Called to order 6:36pm

Roll Call:

President Joel Schwartz

Secretary Patricia Kozlowski

Treasurer Ron Dolce

Danni Newbury

Matt Dobrowolski

Councilwoman Joanna Miles

Executive Director Cindy Solomon

Managing Director Amy Garcia Phillips

*Absent from the Meeting: Vice President Larry Fishman, David Crespo,

Managing Director Ann Marie Williams

Guests: Pedro da Paz of 119 W. Cherry Street Rahway, NJ 07065

Nicholas Rosal of Atelier Rosal, 74 E. Cherry Street, Rahway, NJ 07065

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Minutes: Any necessary changes to the minutes of Meeting November 14, 2019 shall be made at this time and approved by action of the Board.

Motion: Dobrowolski Second: Dolce

Yes: 3 Nay : 0 Abstentions: Schwartz, Newbury

Absent: Crespo, Fishman

Meeting Summary:

RABP New Business:

Pedro de Pas and Nick Rosal are the Rahway Creative Alliance founders. There was interest in joining Rahway artists together, and this group was created to function as a centralizing place. The next meeting is January 17 at the Watt 6pm, the first gallery opening at Atelier Rosal January 19th 3-5pm. They have interest in partnering with the RABP to do an “Art All Day ” (working title) at the Train Station Plaza some day in October. Joel Schwartz suggested late May or June. Nick Rosal stated: Cultivating local talent is important but also bringing in artists from other places.

Nick Rosal left the meeting at 7:00pm

RABP happenings discussion:

The Board discussed changing the Bylaws to indicate the need for Trustees from specific areas, i.e.; Root 1/9; St. Georges; and industrial areas, to a more general description of location. Joel Schwartz will look into changes to the Bylaws.

Executive Director’s Report

There will not be a levy to the businesses in the expanded SID for 2020. However, the RABP is asking for an increase in budget to be approved by Council

Increases go towards:

Beautification and Maintenance in the following ways. RABP would have landscapers design planters, seasonally, and then also general maintenance in the Downtown, to be expanded to other areas of the City, when the next assessment happens.

Escrow money will be used for Parking, Trestles, Marketing, But also St. Georges lamp poles will get flags (Hometown heros) and dedicated landscaping and garbage receptacles.

West Grand needs banners, clean up, maintenance, and eventually a new streetscape.

New Brunswick Ave needs banners and to work on an ordinance allowing Food Trucks in this area.

Route 1, Wayfinding Signage, start having conversations with NJDOT to get better maintenance and that we want to improve it.

In general, an outreach to all the businesses of the expanded SID.

Elizabeth Ave will be an extension of the Central Business District.

Managing Directors Report

Discussed upcoming events including Restaurant Week at the end of the month and Taste of Spring in April.

Budget: Vote to accept the proposed budget

Motion: Dobrowolski Second: Dolce

Yes: 5 Nay : 0 Abstentions: 0

Absent: Crespo, Fishman

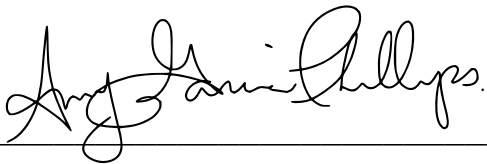
There being no further business; the meeting shall adjourn.

Motion: Dowbrowolski Seconded: Dolce

Yes: 5 Nay : 0 Abstentions: 0

Absent: Crespo, Fishman

Meeting Adjourned at 7:54 pm



Amy Garcia Phillips, Managing Director

Date signed: 3/13/2020



Ann Marie Williams, Managing Director

Date signed: 3/13/2020

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