

Official Minutes for Rahway Arts + Business Partnership

Partnership Board of Trustees Meeting

March 12, 2020 at 6:30pm

1 City Hall Plaza 2nd fl, Rahway, NJ 07065

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

Call to Order: Meeting Called to order 6:31pm

Roll Call:

President Joel Schwartz

Secretary Patricia Kozlowski

Treasurer Ron Dolce

Matt Dobrowolski

Also in attendance

Executive Director Cindy Solomon

Managing Director Amy Garcia Phillips

Managing Director Ann Marie Williams

*Absent from the Meeting: Crespo, Fishman, Newbury, Miles

In attendance, Brenna Krawcheck brennakrawcheck@gmail.com

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Minutes: Any necessary changes to the minutes of Meeting January 9, 2020 shall be made at this time and approved by action of the Board.

Motion: Dolce Second: Dobrowolski

Yes: 4 Nay : 0 Abstentions: 0

Absent: Crespo, Fishman, Newbury, Miles

Meeting Summary:

RABP New Business:

The Taste of Spring is being canceled. The RA+BP will send out an official notice on Monday 3/16/2020. Signage will be created for vendors selling tickets. All tickets and sponsorship will be refunded.

Annual Report has been completed.

Annual Report: Vote to accept the Annual Report contingent on approval of all edits.

Motion: Dobrowolski Second: Schwartz

Yes: 4 Nay : 0 Abstentions: 0

Absent: Crespo , Fishman, Newbury, Miles

Executive Director's Report

There may be a need for a special meeting to approve the budget.

Danni Newbury joined the meeting at 6:53pm.

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The County sends out the tax bills, the expanded SID levy is contingent on making adjustments at the County level.

The plan for the train trestle improvement is being finalized. Panels will be used to cover the walls by attaching it to the sidewalk and the wall. This absolves the City from needing extensive approval from Amtrak. The cost is more affordable than making other cosmetic changes to the walls.

Cherry Street will get structural improvement. The bump out at Cherry and Irving will remain, as well as the one at Monroe and at Main St. Cherry trees will be replaced with cherry trees. Butterflies and other seasonal light up decorations have been purchased and will go up throughout the City on lamp posts. A professional landscaper will design and assist and help maintain the planters.

A position has been created as a part of DPW but whose focus is solely the downtown, maintaining the cleanliness and general maintenance.

Banners for hometown heroes will be attached to the lamp posts on St. Georges by Memorial Day.

RABP will hire someone to put up and take down the large City decorations and banners.

Garcia Phillips, Williams and Schwartz will work on the wayfaring signage.

“Open for Business” Initiative, in which the RA+BP pays for flags that say “OPEN” and can be personalized to the business to prevent the usage of light up OPEN signs.

The City is working on changing the ordinance to allow food trucks in the industrial area.

Managing Directors Report

Culture Crawl Dance Series, *Unbound*, was a success, giving a stage to many NJ dancers and choreographers and performed to a sold out Theatre on Saturday night.

Look Good Shop Local, an initiative encouraging the community to visit personal service businesses, such as barber shops, salons, and health stores selling personal service products, kicks off this weekend. After visiting one of these establishments, receipts are sent to the RA+BP and are entered into a raffle for a \$100 Visa gift card.

The Valet Parking program has been extended. It is \$5 to valet park your car in the deck 5-12pm.

Joe Mancuso has been contracted by the City to be an advisor with the UCPAC and Hamilton Stage.

Financial Report

New format for the financial report and can be emailed out with the agenda.

RA+BP Old Business:

Oktoberfest will convene and discuss a proposal for the event.

Update from City:

Danni Newbury update from the City.

Danni Newbury suggested RA+BP should coordinate with the Mayor and restaurants to encourage people to use delivery and/or curbside pick up as the Metuchen Mayor has done already.

Parking Enforcement will no longer be under the police. They will be a part of the Parking Utility.

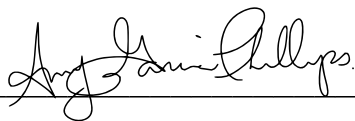
There being no further business; the meeting shall adjourn.

Motion: Kozlowski Seconded: Schwartz

Yes: 5 Nay : 0 Abstentions: 0

Absent: Crespo, Fishman, Miles

Meeting Adjourned at 7:41 pm



Amy Garcia Phillips, Managing Director

Date signed: 5/14/2020



Ann Marie Williams, Managing Director

Date signed: 5/14/2020

