

Official Minutes for Rahway Arts + Business Partnership

Partnership Board of Trustees Meeting

May 14, 2020 at 6:30pm

The RA+BP meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 14 , 2020 at 6:30 p.m. was conducted virtually in order to avoid potential impacts from Covid-19. Due to the ongoing public health emergency, and the Governor's Executive Orders related to the same, the RA+BP will conduct all meetings remotely and by electronic means for the foreseeable future. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 (the "Open Public Meetings Act") and consistent with the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services guidelines, the RA+BP will be open to the public by electronic means.

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

Treasurer Ron Dolce

Matt Dobrowolski

Danni Newbury

David Crespo

Also in attendance

Executive Director Cindy Solomon

Managing Director Amy Garcia Phillips

Managing Director Ann Marie Williams

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*Absent from the meeting : Kozlowski, Fishman, Miles

Minutes: Any necessary changes to the minutes of Meeting March 12, 2020 shall be made at this time and approved by action of the Board.

Joel Schwartz requested the revised Annual Report to be circulated to the Board

Joel Schwartz requested all meeting minutes indicate location of meeting

Joel Schwartz requested the minutes delineate the voting members

Joel Schwartz requested the minutes indicate in more detail the work to be done on Cherry Street.

Motion to approve the minutes with corrections to be made (contingent)

Motion: Dobrowolski

Second: Dolce

Aye:4 Nay : 0 Abstentions: Crespo

Absent: Kozlowski

Special Meeting Minutes: Any necessary changes to the minutes of Meeting April 29, 2020 shall be made at this time and approved by action of the Board.

Joel Schwartz requested the phrase “was conducted “ replace “will be conducted”.

Motion to approve the minutes with corrections to be made (contingent)

Motion: Dolce

Second:Dobrowolski

Aye: 5 Nay : 0 Abstentions: 0

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Absent: Kozlowski, Fishman

Meeting Summary:

New Business:

Managing Directors are updating a list of open restaurants regularly. The information is shared through Social Media and sent to Leasing Offices of the large apartment complexes.

Executive Director's Report

The Executive Director discussed the details of the Rahway CARES Loan Program up to this point.

Total of one hundred and sixteen applicants, Twenty-eight did not qualify for reasons such as, but not limited to: not located in the SID; exceeded the number of employees; per Governor's directives, was allowed to stay open. Fourteen failed the credit check.

The Executive Director will send the results of the businesses that received the loan.

The approved businesses will be a cross section of industry, throughout the entire Special Improvement District.

The large summer themed decorations, of large lit butterflies, were delivered and DPW will place them on the selected lamp posts in the downtown.

Hometown Hero flags that are to adorn the street lamps of St. Georges Ave were hoping to be completed by Memorial Day but due to delays caused by the COVID-19 shutdown, the new deliverable date is late June, early July, prior to July 4th holiday.

Memorial Day flags - still working on them- after Memorial Day they will go up

About 80 banners

Managing Directors Report

In lieu of the Rahway Taste of Spring, the RA+BP hosted a photo contest through social media. The *Taste of Rahway*, encouraged the community to purchase take out meals from Rahway eateries and submit photos. The winners received a gift card to the establishment of their choice.

Culture Crawl Music Series will be live streamed through facebook until the City indicates that the community can gather for the purpose of live music.

The RA+BP had intended to purchase new tables and chairs for the Train Station Plaza but will refrain from purchasing or providing any outdoor seating until the City deems it is safe.

The Rahway's Own and Rising Star campaigns will continue with all announcements being presented through social media.

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Financial Report

- Bank Statements for the operating account as of 04/30/2020 is \$283,691.98.
- First SID payment installment came in April vs February in the amount of \$32,500.00.
- Regarding the overall budget, line items have not gone over the allotment/s.

Update from City:

Danny Newbury reported that Mayor's updates happen regularly, via facebook Live, for the community. The City is very cautious about reopening and very particularly about cleaning and separation. The Rahway Administration will look at Executive Orders and decide for Rahway what is safe.

(Parks)

The Managing Director indicated this year's Culture Crawl Arts and Music Festival will not take place in person, however a virtual option is being researched.

There being no further business; the meeting shall adjourn.

Motion: Dolce Seconded: Crespo

Aye:5 Nay :0 Abstentions: 0

Absent: Kozlowski, Fishman, Miles

Meeting Adjourned at 7:12 pm

Amy Garcia Phillips

Amy Garcia Phillips, Managing Director

Date signed: 7/10/2020

Ann Marie Williams

Ann Marie Williams, Managing Director

Date signed: 07/10/2020

