

# Official Minutes for Rahway Arts + Business Partnership Partnership Board of Trustees Meeting

## November 12, 2020 at 6:30pm

The RA+BP meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 12, 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.

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

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**Call to Order:** Meeting Called to order 6:35 pm

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### Roll Call:

President Joel Schwartz

Vice President Larry Fishman

Secretary Patricia Kozlowski

Treasurer Ron Dolce

Matt Dobrowolski

*Also in attendance*

Councilperson Joanna Miles, Managing Director Ann Marie Williams

Managing Director Amy Garcia Phillips, Rahway City Planner, Gabe Bailer

Absent: Crespo, Newbury

### **RABP Board**



The Executive Team discussed the business assistance recovery efforts in which the RA+BP is engaged. The RA+BP is offering grants towards Tech support, including but not limited to: logo and branding; Website improvements; and Search Engine Optimization. Trustees will be consulted if additional funds need to be allotted.

The RA+BP is assisting the City with advertising of the pavilions that were constructed on Cherry Street and Lewis Street. The architectural plans for similar structures at different sizes, will be available to all businesses that are interested in constructing something similar on their property. The City will waive application and inspection fees.

The City and RA+BP are creating small outdoor events and activities to encourage the community to come out in the cold weather.

The RA+BP is working with a Research and Marketing class at Seton Hall University and a Public Relations and Marketing class at Kean University. The final presentation information will be shared with the Board.

City Beautification efforts continue with season planting, research into bike racks, new lamppost banners for *The Grands*, and improved landscaping at the Paseo.

The addition of Julio Mercado, a dedicated maintenance person for the downtown has been a significant improvement to the streetscape.

**Executive Session I:** Motion to enter into Executive Session I regarding the Compensation of Garcia Phillips

**RABP Board**

Motion: Fishman      Second: Dobrowolski

Aye: 5 Schwartz, Fishman, Kozlowski, Dolce, Dobrowolski

Nay : 0 Abstentions: 0

Absent: Crespo, Newbury

*Executive Session I entered at 7:54pm.*

**Adjourn Executive Session I:**      Motion to adjourn Executive Session I

Motion: Dobrowolski      Second: Fishman

Aye: 5 Schwartz, Fishman, Kozlowski, Dolce, Dobrowolski

Nay : 0 Abstentions: 0

Absent: Crespo, Newbury

*Executive Session I was adjourned at 8:00pm*

**Executive Session II:**      Motion to enter into Executive Session II regarding the  
Compensation of Williams

Motion: Dobrowolski      Second: Fishman

Aye: 5 Schwartz, Fishman, Kozlowski, Dolce, Dobrowolski

Nay : 0 Abstentions: 0

Absent: Crespo, Newbury

*Executive Session I entered at 8:02pm.*

*Williams left the meeting at 8:02pm*

**Adjourn Executive Session II:**      Motion to adjourn Executive Session II

**RABP Board**

Motion: Dobrowolski      Second: Fishman

Aye: 5 Schwartz, Fishman, Kozlowski, Dolce, Dobrowolski

Nay : 0 Abstentions: 0

Absent: Crespo, Newbury

*Executive Session II adjourned at 8:13pm.*

*Williams rejoined the meeting at 8:14pm*

*There was no Old Business*

*Financials*

The Managing Director reviewed the financials and the bank statement for September 2020.

*Update from the City - Joanna Miles*

On behalf of the City of Rahway, welcome Gabe Bailer.

City is interested in providing local Covid testing in addition to the sites provided by the Freeholder throughout Union County.

**Adjourn:      Motion to Adjourn the meeting**

Motion: Dobrowolski      Second: Dolce

Aye: 5 Schwartz, Fishman, Kozlowski, Dolce, Dobrowolski

Nay : 0 Abstentions: 0

Absent: Crespo, Newbury

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.



Amy Garcia Phillips, Managing Director



Ann Marie Williams, Managing Director

Date signed: 11/12/2020

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