

Reisterstown Improvement Association, Inc.
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Meeting Agenda & Minutes – February 28, 2024, 7:00 PM

2023 Officers:

President - Charlie Hoppa
Vice President - Herb Weiss
Secretary - Brianna Chamberlain
Treasurer – John Geldmacher

Main Street Manager:

Crystal Micriotti

2023 Board Members:

Brendan Schreiber
Dan Carey
David Binette
Emory Young
Jessica Barron
Kathy Gambrell
Mary Molinaro
Pat Gordon
Robert Reynolds
Vicki Almond
Wendy Berlinrood

“Build a Better Main Street with the Reisterstown Improvement Association”

Attendance: Herb Weiss, Mary Molinaro, Crystal Micriotti, Wendy Berlinrood, Officer Willis, Corporal Clements, Bob Reynolds, Ernie Schmidhauser, Emory Young, Betty Ann Rigney, Tina Asher, Judy Ripley, Sharon Saroff, Cricket Goodall, Diane Gunther

1. Call to order
The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Vice President, Herb Weiss
2. Introductions of those attending this evening.
See above attendance list
3. Review of minutes from last meeting
Wendy motioned to approve the January minutes as posted. Ernie seconded. All approved.
4. President’s Comments
 - a. Next meeting will be March 20th the 3rd week of the month – **Herb explained this was necessary due to spring holidays**
 - b. Northern Gateway Sign **handout was shared with the group showing the sign at the Jiffy Lube corner explaining that it will be the same style and we are almost ready to sign the MOU with the state. Question arose about who would be responsible for maintaining the property and we said that is the final change we are working to complete. We will install and maintain the area around the sign and we expect the State to cut the grass on the rest of the triangle.**
5. The Franklin Precinct Police Report – Welcome to Captain Joseph Jamerson and team. **Corporal Clements spoke to the group on several topics:**
 - **May 18th will be the 2nd Annual Bike Rodeo and there should be a flyer soon**
 - **June 8th will be Officer Appreciation Day**
 - **last night there was an incident in the precinct that originated with a carjacking in DC. The carjackers replaced the DC tags but the police officers spotted the car anyway in the Royal Farm parking lot wearing masks near Delight Road and chased them south to Owings Mills Blvd where they crashed and ran from the car and were apprehended.**
 - **Hookah Lounge in Chartley Shopping Center owners were evicted on February 13th with an order not to return**

-if anyone witnesses an accident be sure to call 911 so an accident report can be prepared and the situation investigated, don't simply email pictures and information.

- Crickett asked about an incident a couple weeks ago where several police cars were in their parking lot. Apparently, there was a situation where 4 high school students were in Franklin Middle School and the SRO officer chased them out and down Main Street.

- Crystal asked about reports on Facebook about catalytic converters being stolen from cars Corporal Clements said their isn't necessarily a spike but just a situation that happens now and then and has so for years.

6. The Main Street Manager's Report - Crystal Micriotti

- We are planning this year's Bloomin' ArtFest. This event full of vendors, music and food will take place outside Franklin Middle School on MAY 11th, 10AM-5PM. Applications for vendors who would like to participate are still open, please go to our webpage for more details.
- The 3rd Annual Reisterstown Beer and Wine Festival will be this year one June 1st, 12-5pm. Only TWO DAYS left to get \$27 Unlimited Beer & Wine Sampling Tickets for our 3rd Annual Reisterstown Beer & Wine Festival (reg. \$40) Use Promo Code: LEAPYEAR now through Feb 29th! There will be local breweries and wineries, delicious food, artisan vendors and live music. To purchase please scan the QR Code on the flyer or go to our FB or Eventbrite page. This is our annual fundraiser so let's make it the best yet!
- We are currently accepting applications for our Facade Improvement grant. We will match up to 10k towards work that has been done to improve the exterior of a property in the Reisterstown Commercial Revitalization District. If you are interested in applying or inquiring you can go to the grants section on our webpage or reach out to me.
- The RIA National Register Plaque Program will have its next series of unveilings starting in April. We plan to unveil 5 properties. More details to be announced soon.
- Heritage Trails- We are working with a historian and waymarker graphic designer on the HWT. We have 4 signs almost at completion and we are looking for an install/unveiling celebration to be in early spring.
- We are working with a sculpture artist on the design of a large kinetic sculpture in our pocket park *Reister's Desire*. With an install in the spring.
- EGGstravaganza will be presented by RIA, MD Horse, and RUMC this year, and will be held on March 24th. There will be a scavenger hunt, an egg hunt, crafts, live animals and of course...the Easter Bunny! We plan on having events at both the MD Horse and RUMC, so please stay posted as we are wrapping up the details.

- Main Street Clean Up Day- This Saturday, March 2nd, at 9:00 am and The Franklin Woodland Trails Revitalization Workday will be held on March 9th at 9am.
- The Business Roundtable on March 12th, will have guest speaker: *Dave Pyser, Chief Visionary Officer for Visiting Angels of Pikesville / Owings Mills*. Held the second Tuesday of every month, these meetings are open to all interested in Reisterstown Main Street with a focus on Main Street business and property owners. Each meeting discusses issues that affect local business, grant opportunities, filling vacancies and attracting new businesses. Come join the discussion centered around making our local businesses thrive. Donuts and coffee provided! As always, we will have a drawing at the end of each Business Roundtable meeting and award a gift card for Reter's Crab House & Grille to a lucky attendee!

You can find all this information along with the rest of our calendar of events on our website at www.reisterstown.com.

7. Tonight's Speakers – Kimberly May, Senior Project Specialist Baltimore County Department of Economic and Workforce Development speaking on Baltimore County's Summer Youth Employment Program *Kim provided a flyer and explained that for the last dozen years Baltimore County has gotten a grant for summer youth employment. This year they have expanded to being able to fund 500 youth aged 14 – 21 as of July 1st. The time from is July 1st through August 9th, 2024. The time is capped at 25 hours per week and they are paid \$15/hour. Baltimore County pays the wages and handles all liability. They try and place the students registering geographically close to the businesses which register hoping to hire someone. There is a 2nd program that is year-round and collaborates with CCBC. It is for 18-24 year olds who are no longer in school.*
8. New Business/Announcements:
 - a. Local Legislators' announcements/comments:
 - District 10 Legislators are hosting an Annapolis Night. They will provide transportation, dinner, and a tour of the legislator chambers so you can see them in action. The bus will leave from Owings Mills library. Check your Monday morning email for details and the link to register.
 - Wendy spoke about the new Juvenile Legislation to modify the first legislation, we will wait to see what the final bill looks like. Herb said they didn't remove the part that requires an attorney to be present when interviewing juveniles. Corporal Clements said the bigger issue is that the Baltimore County JOIN program had to be abandoned which was working well in the past and the DJS doesn't have enough funding or manpower to handle all the juveniles.
 - b. Community Organization announcements/ comments:
 - c. We are always looking for people or groups that would like to address the community at one of our meetings on topics that are related to the development of our Main Street.

Volunteering Your Time

Volunteers form the backbone of our communities. They set the tone for our culture. Volunteering brings help and guidance to recipients and great satisfaction to the givers. It builds friendships, creates confidence and promotes natural leadership.

Thank you for attending tonight's meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm after motion made by Crystal and 2nd by Betty Ann.

2024 Meeting Dates

| General Meetings with any Scheduled Speakers – Trinity Lutheran Church Life Center 7:00 PM | Board Meetings – RIA Visitor Center 6:00 PM |
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| 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jan 24<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Annual Business Meeting○ Pat Gordon CZMP Planning Overview• Feb 28<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Kimberly May, Senior Project Specialist Baltimore County Department of Economic and Workforce Development• Mar 20 (3rd week)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Emily Haney – St. Johns Properties• Apr 24<ul style="list-style-type: none">○• May 22<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ District 10 Team• Jun 26<ul style="list-style-type: none">○• Jul 24<ul style="list-style-type: none">○• Aug 28<ul style="list-style-type: none">○• Sep 25<ul style="list-style-type: none">○• Oct 23<ul style="list-style-type: none">○• Nov 20 (3rd week)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ | 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jan 3• Mar 6• May 1• Jul 10 (2nd week)• Sep 4• Nov 6• Dec 4 (If needed) |