

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
PATCHOGUE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
May 13, 2014

X	BELMONTE, LORICE		MCPEAK, JAMES
X	BIEDERMANN, THOMAS	X	MONTE, ANNE MARIE
X	BRAILE, RICK	X	ROE III, JOHN J (Pete)
X	FERB, THOMAS	X	SIEGEL, ABIE
X	FURMAN, JOEL	X	SMITH, DENNIS
	KEARNS, BRIAN	X	TARASKAS, JANICE
	KELLY, MICHAEL	X	TRABOLD, HAROLD
	KING, KAREN	X	VIGLIOTTA, DAVID

GUESTS: David Kennedy-Executive Director, Patchogue Chamber of Commerce; Krystle DiNicola – KLD; Marion DiNicola – KLD

1. The meeting was called to order by Treasurer Anne Marie Monte at 4:01pm. President Pete Roe arrived at 4:08pm and presided over the remainder of the meeting.
2. Minutes
 - a. The minutes from the meeting of April 8, 2014 were approved on a motion made by Thomas Ferb and seconded by Lorice Belmonte and passed unanimously.
3. Anne Marie Monte presented the Treasurer's Report.
 - a. Total budget expenditures for the month of March 2014 were \$8,729.58. Main Street Grant expenditures net of reimbursements were \$30.61.
 - b. The March 2014 Treasurer's report was approved on a motion made by Harold Trabold and seconded by Thomas Ferb and passed unanimously.
4. Executive Director Dennis Smith presented the voucher report
 - a. Vouchers totaling \$5,557.43 were presented. Income of \$250 was received from the sale of a website banner ad.
 - b. The May 2014 voucher report was approved on a motion made by Janice Taraskas and seconded by Thomas Ferb and passed unanimously.
5. There were no presentations

6. David Kennedy presented the Chamber of Commerce Report

- a. The 2nd annual pet parade raised almost \$7,000 for the benefit of the Suffolk County Coalition Against Domestic Violence.
- b. An article was in a recent issue of the Long Island Advance highlighting the Chamber's new initiative – The Chamber Hispanic Business Leaders Group.

To welcome and celebrate this new initiative, the Chamber's next networking event will be the launching of this new group and will be held on Thursday, May 15th at 7pm at LUDA (Latinos Unidos De America) located at 180 West Main Street, 2nd floor of the Salumed Pharmacy building.

- c. On Saturday, May 17th, to kick off the summer season, the Riverfront Committee along with the Greater Patchogue Foundation's Cultural Heritage Committee, presents the 2nd Annual Reggae in May Festival. The Oar, Harbor Crab, Off Key Tiki and Dublin Deck will be hosting 5 different reggae bands between 1pm and 6pm.
- d. On Sunday, May 18th, the Riverfront will host the annual Blessing of the Fleet. Members of the local clergy will be on a barge where boats will parade by for their blessing which is scheduled to begin at 2pm.
- e. Richard Blakeslee is being honored as Man of the Year at Temple Beth El on May 18th
- f. Every Sunday in the summer, beginning at 2pm the Riverfront will host "High Tea" on the Patchogue River.
- g. The general membership meeting will be held at the Patchogue Medford Library meeting room on May 27th at 6pm. The guest speakers will be David Carballeria and Jim Thompson of Astoria Bank and Elisabeth Fiteni from the NYS Energy Research and Development Authority.
- h. Grand opening ceremonies and ribbon cuttings (with scissors that actually cut) will be held on May 31st for The Village Cigar Shop, June 6th for Flo's Luncheonette and June 12th for Goldberg's Deli.
- i. A public hearing on the proposed Walmart will be held before the Town of Brookhaven Planning Board on May 19th at 4pm at Brookhaven Town Hall.
- j. The Village parking is a work in progress. The Chamber is forming its own parking committee to help address the many parking issues.

7. Village Trustee Thomas Ferb presented a report of the Village Board activities
 - a. The Chamber Beautification luncheon raised over \$5,000. It was more successful than the previous year.
 - b. The current parking status was discussed in detail. The parking situation is still evolving. The Village welcomes recommendations and suggestions. The revenue from the meters is approximately \$4,000 per week. Those monies will be used for parking initiatives only.
 - c. New Village is 30% leased. All 3 bedroom units are rented. The project is scheduled to be completed by September.
 - d. The east side of the Riverwalk project is completed and the west side is progressing.
 - e. Five new benches have been deployed with two more in the works. Someone tried to steal the "Weeks" bench but was unsuccessful.
 - f. The Roe Walkway arch has been initiated.
 - g. An abandoned building on West Avenue has burned. The Village will hold a public hearing in hopes of having the building condemned.
 - h. The Rider Avenue ball field will be named after former Patchogue Mayor Robert Waldbauer. The Village is working on a dedication date.

8. Executive Director Dennis Smith presented his report

- a. A banner ad on the BID website has been sold to Bridgehampton National Bank. Space is still available for purchase.
- b. The need to educate the public on the use of the parking meters was discussed at length. The Chamber and the BID are committed to creating a parking map/guide to parking. Lauren Monte has designed a guide to parking in downtown Patchogue that can be used to create a permanent guide once the New Village construction is complete and the remainder of the pay stations have been installed. On a motion made by Thomas Ferb and seconded by Joel Furman with 10 for and 1 abstention, it was

RESOLVED, to pay Lauren Monte \$200 for the design of the Guide to Parking.

Pete Roe suggested that an article or letter to the editor be placed in the LI Advance on how to use the parking pay stations.

David Kennedy will investigate valet parking in the Town of Huntington.

- c. Dennis reviewed the Main Street Grant status in detail. 2 projects have been completed and the others are in various stages of working through the process.

- d. The Patchogue Library has applied for a Suffolk County Round Grant. Applications must be submitted by June 14th. The grant provides for a dollar for dollar match and minimum grants are \$20,000. The purpose of the grant is to provide funding to organizations working to revitalize downtown areas in Suffolk County.
- e. The East Main Street sidewalk project has begun and should take approximately 3 weeks to complete. The project will consist of 2 garden areas, benches, trash receptacles and period lighting from the Post Office to Rider Avenue.
- f. Weeding is scheduled for a Saturday (weather permitting). This is the 6th year for the weeding project which covers an ever expanding area with a cost of \$2,500.
- g. The watering truck is operational and candidates are being interviewed to drive the watering truck. Someone will be hired after the Memorial Day weekend.
- h. The 4th NYS Main Street grant in the amount of \$200,000 is being applied for. It will cover North Ocean Avenue up to Thorne Street.

9. Quadrant Reports

- a. Southwest Quadrant – Pete Roe inquired about a walkway at the Riverwalk project.
- b. Northwest Quadrant – Rick Braile stated that the traffic circle looks great. The Chamber of Commerce Beautification Committee will be responsible for its upkeep
- c. Northeast Quadrant – Abie Siegel suggested that the Patchogue Fire Department be moved from its current location to West Main St. Mr. Ferb will investigate the possibility of such a move.

10. Committee Reports

- a. Beautification Committee – David Vigliotta reported that the hanging baskets will be installed before Memorial Day. The new landscaper, Keith's Landscaping Service, is doing a great job. Watering truck drivers are being interviewed and one will be hired in time for the summer season.

11. New Business

- a. Thomas Biedermann officially announced that he will not be renewing his term. The Board thanked him for his service and wished him well.
- b. Lorice Belmonte's board member status was reclassified as a residential tenant and Karen King was reclassified as a commercial tenant.
- c. Pete Roe suggested that copies of the BID bylaws be given to all Board members.

12. Old Business

- a. Thomas Ferb mentioned that the Patchogue Lions Club is planning its 60th Anniversary 4th of July parade. As a Lion, Mr. Ferb is requesting that the BID sponsor a band in the parade at a cost of \$500. A motion will be made at the June meeting.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned on a motion made by Lorice Belmonte and seconded by Richard Braile. The meeting was adjourned at 5:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice M Taraskas

Janice M. Taraskas, Secretary