



Call to order: 7:05 PM

In Attendance: Chris Bobolia, Brian Havranek , Amy Harte, Jeannette Phillips, Andrew Torres , Charlie Emberger, Howard Copeland, Debbie Milone, John Sharp, Ken Laudon, Jason Angell

1. Requests for Community Support Grants – ( Budgeted amount \$6250.00 for year)

- Lafern Joseph presentation for Peekskill Underground Railroad- Brochure was handed out; tours have been every year for the last 14 years. The tours give a history of Underground Railroad, help educate people in regards to Peekskill’s part in the Underground Railroad, and increase commerce in town. Tours are given spring, summer, and fall. The first tour will be on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Five tours are planned.

**Request \$5000.00**

- Brooke McGowan presented for Fashion Moda ( 501-c). Brochures were given out. There are displays in NYC and Newburgh for a one month exhibition. Gallery hours every day. Advertising in Art in America- theme “The Fifth Dimension”- it is planned that artists will work together on a particular theme.

**Request \$1200.00**

- Peekskill Open Studios- Peekskill Arts Alliance presentation by Maureen Winzig. The event will be focused in downtown with both maps and guided tours given. Visitors will stay about 4 hours, Peekskill Trolley might be used for tour. Event will be over a two day period June1-2. Alexis Cole, Daisy Joplin, and Energy Movement Center will participate. Approximately 2000 visitors last year. Question: Can the Bid do the PR for the weekend as their form of support? **Request \$750.00**

2) Review of February Bid Board Meeting Minutes –

Brian made a motion to approve the February Bid Board minutes, seconded by Ken.

Vote-

<b><u>Yes</u></b>	<b><u>No</u></b>	<b><u>Abstain</u></b>
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Chris Bobolia	Howard Copeland
John Sharp	Debbie Milone
Brian Havranek	Charlie Emberger
Jeannette Phillips	
Ken Laudon	
Amy Harte	
Andrew Torres	<b>Unanimous</b>

3) Election of Officers – Jeannette chaired this section of the meeting.

- President – Charlie nominated John Sharp for president, Chris seconded  
Vote **Unanimous**
- Vice-President –John nominated Amy Harte for vice-president Ken seconded.  
Vote **Unanimous**

- Secretary – John nominated Chris Bobolia for secretary, Charlie seconded.  
Vote **Unanimous**
- Treasurer - John nominated Ken Laudon for treasurer, Amy seconded.  
Vote **Unanimous**

Jason will bring a list of committees for volunteers to next month's meeting.

- 4) Budget Report – Charlie reviewed 2012 budget actuals: Revenues \$127,000; Spent \$153,000; Fund balance \$44,500 (-12,000). Quarterly reports will be reviewed next month.
- 5) BID Flea Marketing Restructuring- report given by John and Jason: It was felt that it is too late in the year to restructure, following suggestions discussed-
  - Current 50/50 split to stay the same
  - No booth fee charged for BID members
  - Suggest more antiques and collectables
  - Ferdinand may have his own booth
  - No items offered that compete with businesses in town
- 6) Annual Meeting Report- John and Jason reported: there was less attendance, but more new business owners attended. 55 responded to RSVP and only 30 showed, the BID paid for 55. It was discussed that we make it more of an event and try to encourage more networking among downtown businesses.
- 7) Paramount Update- Brian presented: the Common Council hopes to conclude all the contract details with the group chosen to run Paramount by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Ken Laudon spoke about his concerns with the potential contract details. Brian informed BID that an outside consultant was hired – a lawyer/music person to review the contract. Brian will speak with Ken Laudon further next week concerning same. Questions were asked about the 35,000 contact list the PCA holds as an asset. Key Bank currently holds note against Paramount. When things are decided the BID will set up a meet and greet with the Chamber and downtown stakeholders and the new Paramount group.
- 8) Next Steps on Downtown Residential Zoning issue- Brian and Andrew stated there will be at least a 90 day turnaround before any decisions are made. There will be an inventory done of downtown available spaces, artist lofts, and empty apartments in the C-2 district before the process moves forward.
- 9) Jazz and Blues- Jason presented: July 27<sup>th</sup> chosen as date , an RFP with a new clause added to allow for the extension of contract for one year under same term and conditions will be sent out.
- 10) Flower Barrel- RFP with window plantings will be prepared by Jason before next board meeting for review.

A motion made by Ken, seconded by Charlie to adjourn meeting. Vote- **Unanimous**

Meeting adjourned at 9:15