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MINUTES OF BID BOARD MEETING- AUGUST 3, 2010

Present: Patty Villanova, Jeannette Phillips, Charlie Emberger, Pat Riley, Arne Paglia, Stephen Spiegel, Frank Cimino, Chris Bobolia, Rick Finn.

Absent: Joe Lippolis, Jean Friedman, Larry DeNoia

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Minutes of prior meetings were reviewed- June 1, 2010, June 22, 2010 and July 20, 2010. After minor changes and discussion, the minutes were approved by majority vote.

There was a discussion and review about the Jazz & Blues Festival that was held on July 31. The event was very well attended; there was a lot of good publicity for the City in the media. A post production meeting was scheduled to be held next week with Rick Finn and other City personnel to review the Festival and make suggestions for next year.

The Underground Railroad Tour was reviewed. The Board had voted to give up to \$3000 in support of this event, including \$2000 for insurance. The BID was not able to get insurance so the City covered it. There were questions about the non-refundable ticket for Waymon Brothers and it was suggested for Patty to follow up on this because the July 31st event was canceled. We ended up donating \$998.75 which covered the ticket that wasn't used and also money for a lecture and re-enactment on August 7. According to a letter from Lafern Joseph, Sisters in Support paid for Mr. Brother's airfare for the August event. Charles Emberger said that because this can create problems for the Finance Dept. we should pay for services after they are rendered.

Frank Cimino gave an update on the upcoming Italian Feast. The event was moved to Brown St. from South St. because the street was wider and for logistical reasons. Patty asked about what the BID would be getting for its sponsorship and referred to original proposal that was made. She asked that Frank sign a sponsorship agreement, Rick Finn said this wasn't necessary. Chris said the BID logo would be used in the brochure and other print media, also that it would be mentioned entertainment was sponsored by the BID. Frank mentioned that News 12 would be there, they were getting a lot of PR for the sauce war and that there was going to be a car raffle. Patty requested that vouchers for the Feast be processed as per the Bylaws so that the chairman would sign off on them and submitted to Charlie. Rick Finn reiterated that the Board had approved \$15,000 for the Feast that it was in keeping with the functions of the BID to bring people to the Downtown.

Kelli Bickman returned to the Board again for a donation for the mural she is doing with the Youth Bureau which is called "Painters for Peace." She submitted a proposal and gave a brief presentation. Patty questioned giving her \$170 an hour for her work and said she thought she was a volunteer. She also asked if there was an RFP and what the money would be used for. Kelli said it could be used for materials. Rick Finn said that the money would be transferred from one budget line to another without writing a check. Arne made a motion to donate \$500. Christine B. made a motion to donate \$2000. Mrs. Phillips stated we should create a policy to

support the artists. Frank made a motion to donate \$1000 which was seconded by Stephen S. Voting YES were Cimino, Bobolia, Phillips, Emberger, Finn, Riley. Voting NO: Villanova, ABSTAIN: Paglia.

Although they were not on the agenda, Ray Blue and his wife Rita appeared to ask for a donation for an event to be put on by their organization, "Cross Cultural Connections." They have a band called the Pro Am Ensemble that was formed to support Jazz in the schools. They asked the BID to donate \$3000. Patty said she was concerned about the budget. Arne said he would be willing to donate \$250. Mrs. Phillips said she knows Ray Blue and that he has a track record in the community. Mrs. Phillips made a motion to donate \$500. Frank C. seconded the motion.

Voting YES were Cimino, Bobolia, Phillips, Emberger, Finn, Riley. Voting NO: Villanova, ABSTAIN: Paglia.

The issue of absences by Joe Lippolis was discussed. Arne said he had been absent 3 times. Patty said that the bylaws state a board member can be removed for 3 absences and that she would send him an email. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by Leah Quinn