

THE PEEKSKILL BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

MINUTES of the SPECIAL MEETING of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS

March 22, 2011

On the twenty-second day of March, 2011, at 6:10 p.m. a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Business Improvement District (the "BID") was held at the Senior Nutrition Room at The Neighborhood Center at 4 Nelson Avenue, Peekskill, NY 10566.

There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. and the Reverend Jeanette Phillips presided as Chairman of the Meeting.

Present at the meeting were:

Christine Bobolia
Patrick Brown
Rick Finn
Jaime Leon
Thomas Pernice
Reverend Jeannette Phillips, Chairman
Patty Villanova

Absent from the meeting were:

Frank Cimino (his proxy held by Christine Bobolia)
Charles Emberger
Arne Paglia
Patricia Riley (her proxy being held by Rick Finn)

Minutes of the meeting of March 16, 2011 were presented and reviewed. A general discussion of various issues ensued. Thom Pernice moved that a master list of details/issues in dispute regarding any of the By-laws be maintained by the Administrative Assistant to be reviewed in 6 month intervals. The motion was seconded by Rick Finn.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

In favor: Christine Bobolia
Patrick Brown
Frank Cimino
Rick Finn
Jaime Leon
Thomas Pernice
Jeannette Phillips
Patricia Riley

Against: Patty Villanova

Rick Finn made a motion to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Christine Bobolia

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

In favor: Christine Bobolia
Patrick Brown
Frank Cimino

Rick Finn
Jaime Leon
Thomas Pernice
Jeannette Phillips
Patricia Riley

Against: Patty Villanova

Arne Paglia arrived at 6:20 pm.

Rick Finn advised that the Common Council formally approved the election of the four new members of the BID Board, three representing property owners and one representing tenants. These new representatives are now officially recognized to vote and take actions in accordance with responsibilities of regular Board members.

Rick Finn presided over the election of the Officers of the Board; those being Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

Nominations for the position of Chairman of the Board were accepted:

Rick Finn moved to nominate Jeannette Phillips for the position of Chairman; seconded by Christine Bobolia.

Patty Villanova moved to nominate Arne Paglia for the position of Chairman, seconded by Thom Pernice. No further nominations were made.

Voting proceeded by paper ballots with the following results:

Jeannette Phillips was elected.

Jeannette Phillips received 8 votes and Arne Paglia received 2 votes

Nominations for the position of Vice-Chairman of the Board were accepted:

Jeannette Phillips moved to nominate Patrick Brown for the position of Vice-Chairman; seconded by Christine Bobolia. No further nominations were made.

Voting proceeded by a show of hands with the following results:

Patrick Brown was elected according to the following results:

In favor:	Christine Bobolia Patrick Brown Frank Cimino Rick Finn Jaime Leon Jeannette Phillips Patricia Riley
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Against:	0
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Abstained:	Arne Paglia Thom Pernice Patty Villanova
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Nominations for the position of Secretary were accepted:

Thom Pernice moved to nominate Patty Villanova for the position of Secretary; seconded by Arne Paglia.

Patrick Brown moved to nominate Christine Bobolia for the position of Secretary, seconded by Rick Finn. No further nominations were made.

Voting proceeded by paper ballots with the following results:

Christine Bobolia was elected.

Christine Bobolia received 6 votes and Patty Villanova received 4 votes.

Nominations for the position of Treasurer were accepted:

Patrick Brown moved to nominate Jaime Leon for the position of Treasurer; seconded by Thom Pernice. No further nominations were made.

Rick Finn moved to dispense with paper ballots, seconded by Thom Pernice.

Mr. Leon was elected unanimously.

Rick Finn discussed the City's Corrective Action Plan response to the NYS audit.

After some additional general discussion Mr. Finn advised it was recommended that a BID committee be set up to work with the City to draft a document covering all relevant points covered in the CAP, which would then go to the BID for adoption in the agreement between the City and the BID.

There was general discussion regarding the City's Ethics Code, Chapter 48, copy enclosed. Rick Finn suggested for volunteers to staff a committee to examine the ethics code, review it and suggest any improvements. Patty Villanova and Arne Paglia volunteered to join the committee; Jeannette Phillips in ex-officio capacity, as well as Frank Cimino (suggested by Arne Paglia).

Rick Finn moved that the BID adopt the City's Ethics Code, Chapter 48, as of March 22, 2011 and to review it and adapt it in subsequent meetings through further discussions, seconded by Patrick Brown.

After general discussion the motion was carried as follows:

In favor:	Christine Bobolia Patrick Brown Frank Cimino Rick Finn Jaime Leon Thom Pernice Jeannette Phillips Patricia Riley Patty Villanova
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Against:	0
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Abstained:	Arne Paglia
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Ruben Alvarez arrived at 6:50 pm and sat in on the meeting.

Jeannette Phillips commented on recent developments in the matter of the state audit and in the closing out of the Main Street grant and that BID members should not exchange negative comments with other BID members and the press, but should allow the process to continue and should work together in a more productive manner.

The matter of the membership mailing (by e-mail), inviting BID members to attend a reception/meeting to welcome the new Board members and allow the membership to determine general business priorities was discussed. The matter is being coordinated by Arne Paglia, who suggested having the meeting during the second or third week in April. He will report back about venues, dates and times.

Mrs. Phillips commented on reviewing responsibilities of any of the officers making up the various committees. She concluded that the Chair of each committee is to set regular meetings, record minutes of the meetings and submit reports of recommendations to the Board on a regular basis for appropriate actions.

The matter of separating the previous Marketing and Events Committee into two separate committees as recommended by the Steering Committee was addressed.

Rick Finn moved that the new Marketing Committee was to consist of Frank Cimino, Rick Finn, Arne Paglia, Thom Pernice and Patty Villanova, seconded by Thom Pernice. The committee will elect their own chairman.

Rick Finn moved that the new Events Committee was to consist of Ruben Alvarez (advisory), Patrick Brown, Christine Bobolia, Jaime Leon, Arne Paglia, Thom Pernice and Patty Villanova, seconded by Pat Brown. The committee will elect their own chairman.

There was general discussion on the need for other committees such as Quality of Life, Economic Viability, Development and membership, as well as setting up an ombudsman to attend to the needs of the membership and to liase on the needs of the BID with other organizations, such as the Paramount.

The matter of service of the website was discussed with the result that Thom Pernice will continue to service the website on a voluntary basis.

New Business:

Rick Finn moved to recognize the needs of BID members who wanted to be heard on BID related items by the Board for support, by assigning early consideration on future agendas and assigning a time limit of 7 minutes for each presentation, seconded by Thom Pernice.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

In favor:	Christine Bobolia
	Patrick Brown
	Frank Cimino
	Rick Finn
	Jaime Leon
	Thomas Pernice
	Jeannette Phillips
	Patricia Riley
	Patty Villanova

Against: 0

Abstain: Arne Paglia

Ruben Alvarez discussed his ideas with the Board to investigate the options in ensuring the production of the renewal of the Cinco de Mayo event.

Rick Finn moved to table discussion on production of this event and all other events and refer discussion and recommendations to the Events Committee, seconded by Thom Pernice.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

In favor: unanimous

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

The scheduled date for Cinco de Mayo was tentatively set for May 7, 2011.

Further discussion resulted in agreement that for any party requesting support from the BID for any event would be for that party to present their proposal to the Board and to have that proposal reviewed by the Events Committee. Afterwards, the Committee would forward their recommendations to the Board as to whether to award logistical services and/or financial support and if so, in what form.

Patty Villanova moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Patrick Brown.

The resolution was passed according to the following vote:

In favor: Unanimous

Against: 0

Abstained: 0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen Spiegel
April 3, 2011