

BID Meeting 5/4/2010

In attendance: Villanova, Phillips, Bobolia, Paglia, Finn, Lipollis, Cimino, Friedman, DeNoia, Spiegel, Emberger, Riley.

Meeting called to order 6:05 PM

Rick Finn discussed City Procurement Policy.

Discussion ensued on Streetscape and remaining property owners who are due grant monies.

BID minutes of April 6, 2010 were handed out. Three corrections or additions were made. DeNoia moved to approve. Paglia second, Cimino & Lipollis voted no. Motion carried.

Villanova commented on her non agreement with legal opinion regarding tenants with property tax responsibility and their ineligibility to serve on the BID Board. The board has been operating contrary to this for 14 years. Lipollis suggested we either as a Board change the By Laws to conform to precedent or to comply with State Law. The By Law committee will take this into consideration by September.

Discussion ensued about the banners being eligible for Streetscape grant. Friedman spoke to grant administrator who informed her that banners were eligible. Villanova believed otherwise because banners were disbursed throughout BID and not just within grant three block area. Streetscape could include benches, signage, and possibly a kiosk. Committee of Paglia, Cimino and Friedman will meet. Committee will use email to communicate to Board.

Jean Friedman discussed flower barrels. Bid awarded to Shades of Green. Email blast will go out to district. \$45 per barrel. Two plantings.

Marilyn Ettinger submitted a report on the Farmers Market. She needs a store front on Bank Street to use to store items.

Villanova reported on BID map and brochure. Layout is done, photos and illustrations being assembled.

Cinco de Mayo was successful.

Cimino discussed Italian Festival. It will be held on the 13th, 14th & 15th of August. Assumption Church will participate in coordination with the Feast of the Assumption. BID would need to change the Jazz Festival to July 31st.

Paglia made a motion to ask Rick Finn to make a formal request of Mr. Burke for BID email list. Spiegel second. 2 voted for, 8 voted no. Motion did not carry.

Lipolis made a motion to shut down unauthorized video tape, second by Bobolia. 4 voted yes, 2 opposed, rest abstained. Video tape was shut off.

Chris Bobolia discussed committee regarding resumes for administrative assistant. Villanova hired an assistant to help with Cinco de Mayo. Committee will go back to process and bring forward three candidates for admin asst. We will need contract. Speigel made a motion to continue to employ temporary worker for 4 weeks. Phillips second. 9 votes for, 2 opposed. Motion carried.

Kelli Bickman, a professional artist, appeared before BID regarding painting mural project along Youth Bureau wall. This is an anti graffiti project needing a grant of \$3,000 from Arts Westchester. Asking for matching grant of \$3,000. Applications outstanding from Entergy (\$5000) and City of Peekskill. Mural will be 8 by 30 or 16 x 15. Kelli contributed her time which is valued at \$5,000. Money will be used for materials, paint, paper sheets of wood. Kelli will send out press release. Kids are age 13 to 21. There are 15 kids involved. Public art will transform area. Speigel suggested we post it on BID website as Kelli is a BID member. Lipollis made motion of corporate council as to whether the BID can use taxpayer money to fund Painters for Peace (youth bureau project). Speigel second, 10 in favor, 1 abstained. Motion moved.

Gene Perrota from Ciro's Restaurant presented to the Board. Discussed having a restaurant cook off/expo. Need BID support. Marketing committee will meet.

Meeting adjourned at 9PM.