



**Peekskill Business Improvement District**  
**Annual Meeting & Board of Director's Meeting Minutes**  
**Dramatic Hall, Peekskill, NY**  
**Tuesday March 7, 2023 @ 6:00pm**  
**Via Zoom**

**Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors Minutes**

**Present:** Pres. Del Rosario, Vice Pres. LaFern Joseph, Secretary Drew Claxton, Treasurer Toni Tracy, Board Members Larry D'Amico, Brian Fassett, David Kaminsky, Monique Brideau, Matthew Rudikoff, Frank Vasquez, Executive Director Bill Powers

**Incoming Board Members Present:** Richard Rogers, Roger Campos, Chuck Lesnick

**Absent:** Board Member Ivy Fairchild

**BID Members Present:** BID members were in attendance, but many did not sign in.

**Call 2023 Annual Meeting to Order & Welcome** – Pres. Del Rosario called the meeting to order at approximately 6:14pm and asked for a moment of silence for former Flea Market Manager Ferdinand Aiello.

**Annual Report** – Pres. Del Rosario and Executive Bill Powers presented the annual report in a Power Point Presentation with a focus on accomplishments, plans for the future, and noted that the BID is in excellent financial health.

**Adjournment of Annual Meeting** – The meeting was adjourned unanimously to go right into the monthly meeting.

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**Call March 7, 2023 Board of Directors meeting to order** – Pres. Del Rosario opened the monthly meeting.

**BID Member Public Comment** – We reserve this time so BID members have the opportunity to bring to the Board's attention concerns regarding this meeting's agenda topics. Please limit your comments to 3 minutes or less.

**Approval of January 10, 2023 and February 7, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes** – Drew Claxton

**Request for Funding for Juneteenth Parade - \$2,500** - After discussion, Board Member Claxton made a motion to approve \$2,500 for the Juneteenth Celebration and parade in downtown, seconded by Board Member Joseph, all in favor, except Board Member Fassett who voted no, explaining that he wanted to find out if Juneteenth was going to pay city fees. Mayor McKenzie, who was present, stated that Juneteenth is a city event and that the Juneteenth Committee does not have to pay city fees.

**Request for Funding for PAA Open Studio Tour - \$2,500** – After discussion, Board Member Claxton made a motion to approve \$2,500 for the PAA Open Studios weekend, noting that it brings in a lot of people, seconded by Board Member Fassett, all in favor, except Board Member D'Amico, who abstained because he is on the PAA.

**City of Peekskill Update** – Board Member Fassett gave his monthly report on city activities.

**Economic Development Update** – Board Member Rudikoff gave his monthly report on economic development activities.

**2023 Special Events Committee** – Pres. Del Rosario stated that she will have a report on events next month.

**Executive Director's Report** – Executive Director Powers gave an update on the efforts to replace the Flea Market Manager, asked board members if they wanted to march in the Peekskill St. Patrick's Parade under the BID Banner on 3/11/23 @ 3pm; noted that Chereese Jervis Hill and her Events to Remember team continue to participate in ongoing Professional Development by attending at her own expense the New York State Conference of Farm Markets; and noted that he will set up a training program for key businesses and board members on the Brighter Travel app.

**Presentation of Election Committee Report** – Board Member Kaminsky gave an election report including noting that for Property Owner, Roger Campos received 17 votes, Drew Claxton received 16 votes, and Chuck Lesnick received 15 votes. He also noted that for Commercial Tenant, Richard Rogers received 4 votes.

**Resolution to accept 2023 Election Results** – Vice Pres. Joseph made a motion to accept the election results as presented, Sec. Claxton seconded the motion, all in favor. Election results were accepted as presented.

#### **Nomination/Election of Officers for the 2023-2024**

**Open floor to nominations for President** - Board Member Fassett made a motion to nominate Cynthia Del Rosario for Board President, seconded by Sec. Claxton and citing no other nominations, the board voted, all in favor.

**Open floor to nominations for Vice President** – Sec. Claxton made a motion to nominate Ivy Fairchild as Vice President, seconded by Board Member Fassett, and citing no other nominations, closed the nominations and the board voted, all in favor.

**Open floor to nominations for Treasurer** – Sec. Claxton made a motion to nominate Toni Tracy as Treasurer, seconded by Board Member Fassett, and citing no other nominations, closed nominations, the board voted, all in favor.

**Open floor to nominations for Secretary** – Pres. Del Rosario made a motion to nominate Drew Claxton as Secretary, seconded by Board Member Fassett, and citing no other nominations, closed nominations, and the board voted, all in favor.

#### **BID Member Public Comment** –

- Property Owner Mary Foster thanked the BID Board for all it does, and stated she liked the new brochure.
- Property owner John Sharp commended the board for all it does.
- Outgoing BID Board Vice President Joseph was presented with flowers and a thank you for her years of service on the board and in turn Vice Pres. Joseph thanked the board. Mr. Vasquez was also thanked for his time on the board.

**Adjournment for Dinner** – Pres. Del Rosario made a motion to adjourn for dinner, seconded by Board Member Rudikoff, all in favor, meeting adjourned at 6:47pm.