



Peekskill Business Improvement District
Board of Director's Meeting Minutes
Tuesday May 2 2023 @ 6:00pm
Peekskill City Hall First Floor Conference Room
840 Main Street, Peekskill, NY 10566

- **Present:** Vice Pres. Ivy Fairchild, Sec. Drew Claxton, Treasurer Toni Tracy, Board Members Roger Campos, Larry D'Amico, Brian Fassett, David Kaminsky, Richard Rogers, Matthew Rudikoff, Monique Brideau, Executive Director Bill Powers.
- **Absent:** Cynthia Del Rosario, Chuck Lesnick.
- **BID Members present:** John Sharp, Mary Foster and Scarlett Antonio.
- **Call May 2, 2023 Board of Directors meeting to order** – Vice Pres. Fairchild called the meeting to order at 6:03pm since Pres. Del Rosario was not able to attend the meeting.
- **Introduce Beshir Zahir, new Flea Market Manager** – Vice Pres. Fairchild introduced and welcomed Beshir Zahir, the new flea market manager. The board welcomed Mr. Zahir and wished him well.
- **BID Member Public Comment** – There were no public comments.
- **Approval of March 7, 2023 and April 4, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes** – The minutes for March 7, 2023 Board Meeting were approved unanimously after some minor edits requested by Mr. Fassett. Motion was made by Board Member Fassett, and seconded by Board Member Claxton. The minutes for April 4, 2023 Board Meeting were approved unanimously except for Board Member Claxton who abstained because she was not present at that meeting.
- **Request for Funding for Oz Land Festival - \$3,500** – After discussion with Scarlett, it was decided to hold off on agreeing to a specific amount of funding until she gets the final costs associated with the street closures and other city fees. Board Member Fassett will help expedite the fees from the city.
- **2023 Special Events Committee** – Pres Del Rosario appointed Board Member Campos to chair the special events committee, and he is just getting up to speed. He stated that he would have a report next month.
- **E-Newsletter** – Vice Pres. Fairchild indicated that the BID is working on sending out its first electronic newsletter in time for the June events.
- **Architectural Historical Tour Map** – Board Member Kaminsky advised the map is coming along and that Exec. Dir, Powers is going to be taking photos of the buildings this week. He noted that we are looking for volunteers to conduct the tours in addition to him.
- **Artist Update** – There was no artist update due to Board Member Brideau's absence.
- **City of Peekskill Update** – Councilman Brian Fassett gave an update on city initiatives.
- **Economic Development Update** – Board Member Rudikoff gave an update on economic development initiatives.
- **Harriett Tubman Touring Statue** – Exec. Dir Powers gave an overview of the availability of the new Harriett Tubman Statue, the Beacon of Hope, for 2024, noting that we could get the statue for two months at a rental cost of \$6,000 plus shipping and insurance with a \$3,000

deposit to reserve the dates. Sec. Claxton made a motion to approve bringing the Tubman Statue to Peekskill May and June 2024 at a rental cost of \$6,000 plus shipping and insurance with a \$3,000 deposit to reserve the dates. Board Member Fassett seconded the motion, all in favor.

- **Executive Director's Report** –Exec. Dir. Powers announced that the vendor applications for the flea market are now on the BID website and have posted a link to same on the Facebook pages. He noted that all of last year's vendors are returning, with several new ones including Signal Fire Bread and Maria Perogy, who makes perogies. He also reported that Peekskill will be participating in the Historic Hudson River Towns fall promotion, Find Your Path, which promotes getting outside and walking to see the beauty of the Hudson River communities. HHRT is also looking to support the business communities with a shop/dine promotion around the holidays. He further noted that the BID will be having a presence at the PRIDE event at Pugsley Park and will be marching in the Juneteenth Parade and asked any board member to join him at either event.
- **BID Member Public Comment** – There were no public comments.
- **Adjournment** – Board Member D'Amico made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Board Member Rogers, Claxton, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:57pm.