



**Peekskill Business Improvement District
Board of Director's Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 3, 2023 @ 6pm
Peekskill City Hall First Floor Conference Room
840 Main Street, Peekskill, NY 10566**

Present: Pres. Cynthia Del Rosario, Secretary Drew Claxton, Councilman Brian Fassett, Board Members Matthew Rudikoff, Larry D'Amico, Richard Rogers, Roger Campos, David Kaminsky, Chuck Lesnick, Monique Brideau. Executive Director Bill Powers.

Absent: Vice Pres. Ivy Fairchild, Treasurer Toni Tracy.

BID Member present: Mary Foster and Scarlett Antonia.

Call August 3, 2023 Board of Directors meeting to order – Pres. Del Rosario called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.

Pres. Del Rosario introduced Dorothy Posada, Assistant Director, SUNY Westchester Peekskill, Center for the Digital Arts who has agreed to fill the open property owner's board of directors seat on BID Board. Her formal appointment will be made at the next meeting.

BID Member Public Comment – There were no public comments.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes for May and June 2023– Sec. Claxton made a motion to accept the May and June 2023 Board of Directors Minutes, seconded by Councilman Fassett, all in favor.

Request for Funding for fall Artist Studio Visit Tour by PAA - \$700 – Exec. Dir. Powers presented a request for funding from the Peekskill Arts Alliance for \$700 to support an Open Studios Tour weekend on September 23, 2023. Board Member Lesnick made a motion to approve the \$700 in support, seconded by Board Member Brideau, all in favor.

2023 Special Events Committee – Board Member Campos gave a brief report on the 2023 events. Indicated he would have a report on 2024 events next month, and after much discussion about having a holiday craft fair, Sec. Claxton made a motion to allow Exec. Dir. Powers to hire Events to Remember to create and manage a Holiday Crafts Fair, and expend up to \$3,500 to have the event on Saturday, December 2, 2023. Seconded by Councilman Fassett, all in favor.

Paramount Meeting – Pres. Del Rosario asked Board Member Rogers to give a brief update about the meeting we had with the Paramount. He stated that the Paramount was interested in sharing attendance numbers with restaurants so they can better prepare for crowds; also noted that some guests are arriving at shows late because of lack of parking; and the Paramount was concerned about the easement that allows loading and unloading in the rear door.

Artist Update/Holiday Banner Project – Board Member Brideau gave an update on the holiday banners and stated that she was hoping to get a few more entries by the Friday deadline. Her committee is planning to meet next week to review the entries.

City of Peekskill Update – Councilman Fassett gave his city update.

Economic Development Update – Board Member Rudikoff gave his economic development update.

Executive Director's Report – Exec. Powers stated the National Night Out, which the BID had its booth set up, was a success an that he thanked Board Member Chuck Lesnick and Matt Rudikoff for spending time at the booth and further noted that Board Member Campos also stopped by, leaving the MHVFCU for a while; he also noted that plans for the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution are underway in Peekskill, Westchester County and New York State are underway and recently held a meeting with the city manager and others.

Executive Director Contract – Pres. Del Rosario stated that she is working on an extension of the Executive Directors contract.

BID Member Public Comment – Scarlett Antonia spoke of her Oz Land Festival in September and thanked the board of its support. Mary Foster noted that the BID may want to consider supporting the Peekskill Film Festival next year.

Adjournment – Councilman Fassett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Pres. Del Rosario, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.