



**Peekskill Business Improvement District
Annual Meeting & Board of Director's Meeting Minutes
Dramatic Hall, 900 Main Street, Peekskill, NY 10566
Tuesday March 5, 2024 @ 6:00pm**

Present: Pres. Cynthia Del Rosario, Vice Pres. Ivy Fairchild, Treasurer Toni Tracy, Secretary Claxton, Monique Brideau, Roger Campos, Councilman Brian Fassett, David Kaminsky, Chuck Lesnick, Dorothy Posada, Matt Rudikoff, Richard Rogers.

Absent: Larry D'Amico

Call March 5, 2024 Annual Meeting to Order & Welcome – Due to Pres. Del Rosario's illness Exec. Dir. Powers called the annual meeting to order and welcomed everyone, and invited Dramatic Hall owner Gabe Arango up to welcome the BID members.

Annual Report – Executive Powers presented the BID's annual report including an overview of the BID, accomplishments in 2023, plans for 2024, a financial overview which indicated the BID is in excellent financial condition, and a pitch to get involved.

Annual Report Q&A – Exec. Dir. answered questions posed by the audience.

Adjournment of Annual Meeting – The meeting was adjourned.

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Call March 5, 2024 Board of Directors meeting to order – Sec. Claxton, due to Pres. Del Rosario's illness chaired and called the meeting to order.

BID Member Public Comment – Comments were received from BID members.

Approval of January 9, 2024 and February 6, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes – A motion was made and seconded to approve the January 9, 2024 and February 6, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes, all in favor.

City of Peekskill Update – Councilman Fassett gave an update on city activities and initiatives. He also introduced City Comptroller Toni Tracy who presented the rationale in a Power Point for increasing parking fines and meter fees by 25 cents per hour. In subsequent Q&A, some members expressed opposition to the meter increases and voiced other concerns about double and illegal parking.

Economic Development Update – Economic development specialist Rudikoff gave a brief update on economic development activities.

Vacant Store Front Initiative – Board Member Rogers gave a brief update on his efforts to find tenants for vacant storefronts.

Historic Tours – Board Member Kaminsky stated that he will begin hosting the historic tours again in April.

Request for Funding for Juneteenth Parade/Celebration \$2,500 – Exec. Dir. Powers asked to move this agenda item to the next agenda since he had not yet received the request for funding as anticipated.

Executive Director's Report – Exec. Dir. Powers gave a brief summary of his activities and upcoming events.

Presentation of Election Committee Report – Election Committee Chairperson Kaminsky gave a report on the 2024 elections and announced the winners. David Kaminsky with 19 votes, John Sharp with 17 votes and Paddy Neville with 17 votes were elected to serve as property owners; Deb Milone with 6 votes was elected to serve as the commercial tenant representing United Realty; David Abrevaya was elected with 2 votes as the certified

Artist representative. Election Committee Member and Board Member Lesnick pointed out that Chairperson Kaminsky did not participate in decisions that would have affected the outcome of the property owner election.

Resolution to accept 2024 Election Results – A resolution to accept the election results was made, seconded and all voted in favor.

Nomination/Election of Officers for the 2024-2025 – Sec. Drew Claxton

Open floor to nominations for President – Sec. Claxton opened the floor for nominations for president; John Sharp and Richard Rogers were nominated for President, and subsequently, Mr. Sharp removed his name from consideration; a motion was made to elect Richard Rogers as president, seconded, and all in favor.

Open floor to nominations for Vice President - Sec. Claxton opened the floor for nominations for vice president; Dorothy Posada was nominated for Vice President; no other nominees, a motion was made to elect Dorothy Posada Vice President; seconded, and all in favor.

Open floor to nominations for Treasurer - Sec. Claxton opened the floor for nominations for treasurer; Toni Tracy was nominated for Treasurer; no other nominees, a motion was made to elect Toni Tracy Treasurer; seconded, and all in favor.

Open floor to nominations for Secretary - Sec. Claxton opened the floor for nominations for vice secretary; Deb Milone was nominated for Secretary; no other nominees, a motion was made to elect Deb Milone as Vice President; seconded, and all in favor.

BID Member Public Comment – Comments were received about improving the BID's social media presence, and why more BID members do not vote in BID elections and the total number of BID members.

Adjournment for Dinner and Networking – A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and seconded, all in favor.