

MONTCLAIR CENTER BID

Members in attendance include: Arlene Carrini, Phil Cantor, Israel Cronk, Michael Gillespie, Lisa Johnson, Sharda Ramharack, Diane Israel, Sue Schultz, Gerald (Jerry) Sweeney, Robert Weber, Debbie Santiago, Matt Silverman, Joann Smalls,

As well as Luther Flurry and Alescia Peyton.

BID office
April 8, 2015
7:00 pm

At 7:03 we have a quorum and Phil calls the meeting to order.

Phil Such a great meeting because we had a great week – we are one of the best downtowns in America, winning the Great American Main Street Award. There were 1500 people at the conference, including five from Montclair. Phil, Robert, Lisa, Joann, and Luther.

Robert. What we lacked in numbers, we made up for in spirit – the other winners brought their whole boards. The award was presented in the Fox Theater, truly an amazing renovation of an amazing theater.

Robert and Phil described an art program in Suwanee Georgia — it is a public, juried sculpture show where the artists are given a stipend to participate and the art is available for sale. This seems to be a model that we can try to repeat.

Sue Corrected Hahnes/Hincke in the minutes and the March Minutes were approved unanimously, as corrected.

What's Next? **Building a Better Bloomfield Ave.** A discussion about what is needed for the process and the avenue included, Great Design, Consensus building around a process and a design, Funding for the changes. We need to identify and work with Key Constituents including major landlord/developers. Janice Talley of the Planning department will include Bloomfield Avenue in her Lackawanna public design charrette. We may also have some help from the AIA and the Montclair Architects Association.

Parking and traffic may have to come into play as well, and several major landlords brought this up. Traveling lanes could be reduced during off hours and parking could be reduced in peak travel hours.

Robert noted that we need to build engagement – do something incremental, get the community involved

Traffic calming on Bloomfield Ave. would give a “village feel” to downtown Montclair. The Bloomfield Ave. corridor study could involve the surrounding towns. Maybe by working with other towns, ideas could be presented to the county as correlations with the surrounding towns. New Jersey transit should also be involved.

Public art contributes to traffic calming and should be a piece of this.

Robert agrees to head a Bloomfield Avenue Committee and Michael and Diane agree to head a public art committee.

Phil moves to adjourn at 9:22, Michael Gillespie seconds, board unanimously approved.