

MONTCLAIR CENTER BID

GREAT AMERICAN MAIN STREET AWARD WINNER 2015

Montclair Center BID

March 1, 2017 – 7 p.m.

BID Office

Agenda:

Board members in attendance: **Phil Cantor, Jenna Davis, Jason Gleason, Lisa Johnson, Eddie Peralta, Sue Schultz, Nicci Silva, Matt Silverman, Joann Smalls, Sean Spiller, Jerry Sweeney, and Robert Weber**

Guests: Natalie Hackett, TAP Into. Officer Garth Guthrie, Montclair Police Dept.

Staff: Israel Cronk, Diane Israel, Ann Marie Sekeres

Absent: Renee Baskerville, Jeff Beck, Arlene Carrini, Jenna Davis, Lisa Johnson, Guy Kinley, Kazim Mirza, Steven Plofker, Sharda Ramharack, Nat Testa and Elaina Watley

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Phil called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
- B. Jason made a motion to accept the January minutes. Eddie seconded.

II. OLD BUSINESS – Executive Director Israel Cronk Reports

A. Merchant Meeting at MAM

1. BID is encouraging businesses to get inspired by Matisse. Israel mentioned Dolly Moo's special bath bombs, etc.
2. Liquor licenses.
 - a. Research needed on state ordinances
 - b. Checking on policies on liquor license transfer ordinances
3. Diversity of businesses in district
 - a. Limitations in zoning
 - b. Clustering similar stores
 - c. Action: BID should investigate what kind of businesses are missing from the BID district

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. BID Continuance -Jerry worked with Ira Karasick to continue the BID indefinitely past December 2016.

B. Township Ordinance

1. Ordinance Introduced as Gender Inequity Pricing by Councilwoman Renee Baskerville at Montclair Council meeting
2. Civil Rights Commission may get involved
3. District business owners will express their options on the ordinance at next council meeting

C. Action Item by the BID Board

“The Montclair Center BID supports efforts by the township to strengthen consumer disclosure and anti discrimination laws, policies and enforcement. However the ordinance requiring establishments to post prices for services appears to put an undue burden on business owners, and the Montclair Center BID requests more time to study the issue.”

Proposed by Matt, seconded by Eddie. Passed unanimously.

D. Seymour Street – Town is in the final stages of approving the Seymour Street development. Development has to go through additional rounds of input, discussion and approval of committees and sub-committees.

E. Pedestrian Safety – Car/pedestrian accidents have increased. The BID district needs a crosswalk and safety lights now on the long stretch of Bloomfield Ave near Wellmont.

F. Lackawanna Development - Ongoing. ShopRite is not confirmed as a future tenant.

G. Big Belly – New compacting garbage cans. Working with Craig Brandon, found spaces and strategies to keep garbage cans and put in Big Belly compactors. The town ordinance for any take-out food place to have a garbage can that they maintain would now be enforced. The BID is donating its former cans to any takeout places that need one now.

H. Pole Safety – Lampposts

1. Many missing lights on Bloomfield Avenue
2. Wires are sticking out from removed poles, lack of end caps resulting in exposed electrical wiring
3. PSEG has been notified but has lack of response
4. There are newer options for street lighting which can be investigated with input from the town

I. Treasurers Report - Robert reported that we underspent the budget, as we put money in the bank for the lawsuit and we haven't had to pay out yet. If we don't have to pay out much, Robert suggests that we start our Capital Reserve Fund and start planning for the future.

IV. UPCOMING EVENTS

First Night at Montclair Art Museum tomorrow Thursday, March 2.

Women's Empowerment Week – April 1 – 9th.

Ladies Night Out – April 7th from 6 to 9 p.m.

Storefront Seminar – Tuesday, April 18 from 8am to 1pm at Bloomfield College

V. ADJOURNMENT

A. Nicci moved to adjourn and was seconded by Matt. Vote was unanimously in favor of adjournment.

B. The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Next Meeting: BID Office
April 12, 2017 –7 p.m.

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