

**BID Office**

September 7, 2016 – 7 p.m.

*Board members in attendance*: Phil Cantor, Israel Cronk, Arlene Carrini, Michael Gillespie, Diane Israel, Lisa Johnson, Sharda Ramharack, Joann Smalls, Sue Schultz, Matt Silverman, Nicci Silva, Jerry Sweeney and Robert Weber.

*Staff members*: Ann Marie Sekeres and Andrea Arcila.

*Absent*: Renee Baskerville, Guy Kinley, Debbie Masel, Kazim Mirza, Steven Plofker and Sean Spiller

*Guest speaker* – Eric Maran of Smith/Maran Architects and Interiors

Phil called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Robert moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Sue. May minutes were approved unanimously.

A June meeting was not held.

Robert presented the Treasurers report:

* Advertising & graphic design budget have been reduced in half.
* Banner budget has been reduced because of an increase in banner revenue.
* Music budget is on track.
* Meals and Education has increased.
* Staffing has increased:
  + Severance pay for Luther in the first quarter
  + Office staff budget has increased from 11,000 to 19,000
* Money that was to be used for Build a Better Bloomfield Avenue will now be used for the parklet program.
* Kensington, GLAM and Schumacher Insurance have become donors to the BID. We now have $5000 a month revenue for the parking lot on Church Street loaned to us by the Kensington.

**UPDATES**

**Seymour Street Art Center Development** – The ordinance allows for the property to be development was passed by the Town council. It’s a master plan for the Seymour Street area across from the Wellmont. For the first time, the BID has a seat on the redevelopment committee.

**Parking rates -**  Phil and Israel spoke at the Council meeting, but the ordinance from the council had already raised the parking rate $.25 cents to be in effect in 20 days. Wayfinding signs are needed to explain the parking rates and hours.

**Big Belly –** 42 cans will be put in the downtown. These are solar compactors designed to cut down on pick-ups by sanitation. BID receptacles will not be removed. Big Belly’s are leased for five years and can be returned if the program fails to produce the results anticipated.

**Guest speaker** - Erik Maran – Smith/Maran Architects & Interiors partnering with the Township on a Design sub-committee to redevelop 6 Corners.

The county’s aim is to:

* Improve traffic flow and safety by changing the cycle of lights
* Redolines on Bloomfield Avenue / completely change the intersection / reverse the direction of Glenridge avenue.
* Install flashing light crosswalks at the intersection.
* Enhance the walkability and increase pedestrian safety is also the aim of the BID.

**Parking Lot**  – The BID temporary parking lot at 65 Church Street will have it’s own bank account to keep a separate accounting of the revenue generated by the said lot.

**Montclair Center Stage** – has been very successful this past season with fabulous acts and increase in shopper foot traffic. Requests for Friday night music have also been received by Joann Smalls.

**Downtown Farmers/Vendors Market** – In July, the Montclair Farmers Market gave up control of the Downtown Market, that is open on Tuesdays from 1 to 7 p.m. As of September, there is one farmer, 8-10 vendors of food stuffs, crafts and personal products. The BID is also selling Banner Bags which have been repurposed and recycled from old BID banners.

**Dumpster** –The Montclair Center BID now has our own dumpster in the township yard. The dumpster has been in operation since early summer.

**Parklets** – During Open Streets (Oct 2), the BID staff and volunteers will be building temporary parklets on Glenridge Avenue with the donations of materials from contractors. In 2017, the parklets will be more permanent, (lasting from May until October) with more durable materials.

**Montclair Downtown Alliance** –Pre-curser to the BID, the MDA has a surplus of funds from Celebrate Montclair that took place in 2000 and 2001 on Bloomfield Avenue. Over 35,000 people attended each event. The trustees of the MDA including Diane Israel, a founding member, wish to donate $18,000 to the BID for a legacy project, clock, park etc. Only stipulation from the MDA is that there be some kind of plaque indicating who donated the funds.

**UPCOMING**

September 8th – MSU collaboration in Montclair Center

September 24th - Pig and Prince/Oktoberfest at Lackawanna Plaza, 12 -8 p.m.

September 25th - Montclair Fashion Night at Wellmont Theater, 4-8 p.m.

October 2st – Open Streets, Tour de Montclair – all day in district

October 12th – Meet and Greet at Noches de Columbia, Elm Street, 6-8 p.m.

October 21st – Fall Art Walk in the district, 6 to 9 p.m.

November 19th – Drop, Shop & Dine in cooperation with the YMCA, on Nov.19, 26 and Dec. 3, 10

**NEW BUSINESS**

Phil congratulated Israel on his recent marriage.

Jerry Sweeney moved to adjourn, it was seconded by Sharda Ramharack.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Next Meeting October 5, 2016 – BID office – 7 p.m.

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