



Meeting: The Golden Mile Alliance Board Meeting

Date/Time: August 16, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

Location: The Annex

Members Present: Gary Amsley, Bruce Dean, Catherine DiGennaro, Diana Halleman, Justin Kiska, Dave Severn, Michele Shipley and Nikki Bamonti.

Non-Voting Members Present: Bobby Baulmer, Dep. Chief Grossman

Absent: Gary Brooks, Dave Evans, Rose Creasey, Dan Dicce, Tee Pecora, Deb Reynolds, Maribeth Visco and Josh Bokee.

1. April Meeting Minutes

The April minutes were tabled for approval till the September meeting due to the lack of a quorum at the time; there were no minutes for May (Strategic planning session) and none for June due to lack of a quorum; no meeting was held in July.

2. Treasurer's Report

Justin reported that the balance in our account was currently \$47,390.19 not including a recently received donation of \$5,000.00.

3. Introduction/Frederick County Director of Public Policy (Roger Wilson) - Mr. Wilson said he was simply trying to familiarize himself with activities going on within the city and specifically in the West End. He asked about updates to Walmart (still aiming for completion Dec. 2017), the small area plan and the future of other projects (i.e. Summers Farm, VFW property, Hargett Farm proposed park). He was advised that the Summers project was in a "holding pattern" until the BOE completes redistricting in the summer of 2017 due to the arrival of the new elementary school currently planned.

4. Marketing Plan Discussion – Justin reported that we are moving forward with a project with Frederick Magazine and one with Tribe which dovetails with our planned brokers luncheon this fall. Hopefully more information will be forthcoming in the September meeting.

5. **Board Elections** – Justin reminded the board that elections were coming up late this fall and that there would be quite a turnover in members. There will be a number of board slots to fill, including 1 resident, 2 business people and 2 property representatives. Justin also announced that Tee Pecora had resigned from the board (effective immediately) as he is selling his office building on the mile and would no longer meet the parameters for board participation. There may also be one other resident slot available in the near future. Members should be considering who they want as their executive team to lead the organization for the next year.

6. **Committee Updates**

- a. ***Design*** – Banners are still in storage and need to be addressed in the very near future.
- b. ***Business Development*** – No report
- c. ***Promotions*** – Next Mixer on the Mile is slated for Sept. 14th at the Red Horse. National Night Out was very successful at Lake Coventry Park with an excellent turnout for the first time on this side of Route 40.

7. **New Business/Miscellaneous**

- Capt. Grossman reported that the FPD currently has only 130 deployable officers (138 active) and 7 vacancies. New academy class starts on Sept. 9th. They also have 3 civilian vacancies (2 dispatchers and one victim services person). 18 body cameras have been purchased and they are waiting on training before being deployed. Year-to-date – there have been 82 overdose cases, 12 fatal, 10 repeat offenders and Narcon was administered 62 times. Michele Bowman has been promoted to Public Information Officer as well as Public Outreach Coordinator.
- Nikki Bamonti reported that Patti Mullins was the new Public Information Officer for the City (many of us met her at National Night Out); she also added that the Mayor would be presenting the “State of the City” address on Sept. 13th at 6 p.m. at Clearstory Park off of Monocacy Blvd. The rain location would be the City Hall board room. Nikki added that the West End Regional Park’s master plan should be up for approval in the near future.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Next meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 20 at 7 p.m.. and will be held at The Annex on West Patrick St.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana R. Halleman, Secretary

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