## Official Minutes of Rahway Arts and Business Partnership Board of Trustees Board Meeting May 9, 2019 at 6:30pm

## Office of the Rahway Arts and Business Partnership, 2 City Hall Plaza 2nd floor, Rahway, NJ 07065

| This meeting was properly advertised in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act |  |  |  |  |
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| Call to Order:   | Meeting Called to order 6:37 pm                              |  |  |  |
| Roll Call:   |  |  |  |  |
| President,   | Joel Schwartz  |  |  |  |
| Vice Presid  | ent, Larry Fishman   |  |  |  |
| Secretary 1  | Patricia Kozlowski   |  |  |  |
| Treasurer I  | Ron Dolce  |  |  |  |
| Matthew D  | obrowolski   |  |  |  |
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| Councilwo  | man Joanna Miles   |  |  |  |
| Executive I  | Director Amy Garcia Phillips                                 |  |  |  |
| Guest Spea   | ker Joe Brown  |  |  |  |
| *Absent from the   | Meeting: Danni Newbury, Managing Director Ann Marie Williams |  |  |  |
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**Minutes:** Any necessary changes to the minutes of March 14, 2019 shall be made at

this time and approved by action of the Board.

Motion: Dave Crespo

Second: Larry Fishman

Yes: Ron Dolce, Dave Crespo, Patricia Kozlowski, Abstain: Matt Dobrowolski, President

Joel Schwartz, Vice President Larry Fishman.

Nay: o

Absent:Danni Newbury

**Meeting Summary:** 

New Business:

Board of Trustees has interest in expanding on Oktoberfest 2019. Encouraging businesses to have month long specials and decided on a potential date of October 12 for a festival type event with music, beer and entertainment at the Train Station Plaza, with the approval of City Administration. The Committee will reach out to Walesteiner Beer and Wet Ticket Brewery.

The RABP sponsored "The Wannabes Dance Troupe Showcase", an event on Saturday May 25 that attracts dance companies from all over the northeast US.

"Straws upon Request" initiative is launching with collaboration between the Rahway

Chamber of Commerce and City Administration, encouraging businesses to not offer straws
automatically.

Representatives from Amazon expressed an interest in participating and partnering with the RA+BP and Rahway.

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**Vote to Approve funding the Comcast Commercial:** 

Motion: Patricia Kozlowski

Second: Ron Dolce

Yes: Ron Dolce, Dave Crespo, Patricia Kozlowski, Matt Dobrowolski, President Joel

Schwartz, Vice President Larry Fishman. Nay: 0

Absent: Danni Newbury

Executive Directors' Report

Under City Beautification, the RA+BP will consider funding an engineering study for the

train trestles most in need of attention and repair. Repairs will be completed by Amtrak.

President Joel Schwartz suggests that the RA+BP have more information prior to the vote

and that the RA+BP undertakes a specific visual project that can be done easily yet have big

impact.

The RA+BP has commissioned a new walking map. It is being created by Andrew Garcia

Phillips of Chartball, and Patricia Kozlowski of Orange Peanut.

Additional murals will be added to the Paseo on the building belonging to ADS. ADS is

getting estimates on the surface repairs needed before additional artwork can be placed.

Joel Schwartz indicated that a tree has died and is in need of removal. Amy Garcia Phillips

will reach out to the City and DPW.

Financial Report

The Executive Director reviewed the expenses for: Cherry Street Banners for Spring;

Culture Crawl March Comedy Club Pop UP; What's the Word Spoken Word; and the Sign and

Awning Grant Program;

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The Board suggested recording testimonials from recipients.

The RA+BP reviewed the current financials for the Taste of Spring. It was another successful event, netting over \$18,000 profit.

Ann Marie Williams entered the meeting 7:48pm

The Executive Team reviewed the financials for February 2019.

Status of new account at Northfield, pending meeting with bookkeeper to arrange how reporting and bookkeeping will be handled.

Old Business

The Executive Team would like to thank Trustee and Taste of Spring Committee Chair, Matt Dobrowolski on his tireless effort and a very successful event.

Update from the City- Councilwoman Joanna Miles

Councilwoman Joanna Miles reported that a vote is coming before Council to vote to approve the new parking meters and to vote to to allow current permit parking spaces to become open parking. She believes the measure will pass.

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## Vote to Adjourn the meeting:

Motion: Ron Dolce

Second: Matt Dobrowolski

Yes: Ron Dolce, Dave Crespo, Patricia Kozlowski, Matt Dobrowolski, President Joel

Schwartz, Vice President Larry Fishman. Nay: o

Absent: Danni Newbury

Meeting adjourned 7:57pm

Amy Garcia Phillips, Executive Director

Date signed: <u>6/27/2019</u>

Ann Marie Williams, Managing Director

Date signed:  $\frac{Q}{27/3019}$ 



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