

Lark Street BID Board Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2008

Attendance: Jerry Aumand, Matt Badalucco, Richard Berkeley, Erin Brewer, Terrence Gorman, Jeff Gritsavage, Dino Kacani, Dan Keegan, Jim Linnan, Lucy Prudencio, Karen Waldron

Excused: Maude Baum, Richard Conti, Rob Curry

Staff: Mary Spinelli, Michael Weidrich

Guests: Maura Gannon

The meeting commenced at 5:45 pm.

Meeting was called to order and conducted by Jeff Gritsavage, Board Chair.

Other Business

- At the opening of the meeting, there was not a quorum present so Gritsavage redirected the agenda to commence by starting with miscellaneous business.
- Weidrich announced the resignation of Joni Buccos and introduced Mary Spinelli. The board members then followed by introducing themselves.
- Badalucco questioned what part of the district was to be snow blown. Gritsavage outlined the structured pathway then reported on the positive feedback from the community. The snow blowing program is an apparent use of the BID tax assessment revenue. It was mentioned that there should be a uniform provided for Allan Oliver.
- Brewer mentioned her affiliation with the Capital District Tobacco free Coalition and will move on obtaining information to getting 'butt cans' on Lark Street to help beautify the neighborhood.

With the arrival of tardy board members a quorum became present. Linnan moved to approve minutes from both the months of November and December. Waldron seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Opening Remarks

- Gritsavage opened by stating that with the turn of the New Year, our development season will continue with exciting changes.

Board Seat Resignation

- John DeJohn officially resigned from the Board in December.

Special Events Update

- Weidrich conducted the Winter WonderLARK recap. He called it a moderately successful day. Despite the temperature being frigid, and working with a shoestring budget many people did visit the neighborhood. \$10000 was raised for the Damien Center with the Santa Speedo Sprint; Erin Brewer of EB Essentials noted an increase in retail traffic. Retailers

commented on the addition of small events to boost traffic in shops and restaurants.

- Champagne on the Park will kick off the 60th Anniversary of Tulip Festival. Honorees must soon be discussed. The idea of honoring certain sponsors and long term supports was mentioned. It was discussed to limit the number of honorees to 2-3, as more may get overbearing.
- Regarding the Noise Ordinance and Utilization of Washington Park, it was determined that any city sponsored, or co-sponsored event could host amplified music.

Committee Update

- Richard Conti will be holding a Safety Committee Meeting Friday at 5:30. The topic of this month's meeting will be to finalize the structure of the committee.
- The BID will host a Lark Street BID Retailers meeting Wednesday Jan. 16. It will be held as an informal discussion and brainstorming session.
- Jim Linnan mentioned starting a new committee to discuss the use of Washington Park. He sees it fit to call to order a group of area residents to fight the strict agenda of those who are keeping a stronghold over public use of the park.

Jim Linnan motioned to close the meeting. Matt Badalucco seconded the motion and the January Board meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.