

Lark Street BID Board Meeting Minutes August 30, 2006

Attendance: Jerry Aumand, John DeJohn, Jeff Gordon, James Linnan, Blair Maddy, Lucia Prudencio

Staff: Fredd Brewer, Lindsay Cahill

Guests: Matt Montesano, APD, Kyle Ruch, Lark Street Resident, Maura Gannon

The meeting convened at 5:52 PM.

There was not a quorum present. Approval of July 31, 2006 board meeting minutes were tabled until a quorum is present.

Public Comments

- Kyle Ruch, a Lark Street resident, complained about receiving a parking ticket outside of her residence when she was unloading her vehicle. She inquired if there is any policy between the Lark Street BID and Albany Police Department for Lark Street Residents and parking permits. Ms. Ruch expressed interest in being involved in the Parking Committee.

Parking Committee

- Starting October 1st, there will be a bus shuttle service available for the valet service for Lark Street businesses. The shuttle is believed to run from 6 pm to 2 am. Signs have already been made for the shuttle stops. One will be located in front of Justin's, and another one will be located on South Pearl Street.
- Courtesy phones will be located in businesses, where patrons can call the bus shuttle to come and pick them up from the location.

Washington Park Concert Series – Maura Gannon

- Attached to the Board packets was a draft of the grant to be submitted for the Washington Park Concert Series for the board members to review. Maura Gannon presented the draft and answered questions from the board members.

LARKfest Update

- As of the date of board meeting, there is no contract signed between The Lark Street BID and Tyler Dearing regarding services for 2007 sponsorship proposals.
- Included in BID Manager Report was the final list of LARKfest sponsorships for 2006.
- Due to the lack of response by the Lark Street BID merchants in the 2006 Times Union cooperative advertisement, the Times Union will not return as a 2007 media sponsor for LARKfest.
- Fredd Brewer encouraged board members to help recruit volunteers for LARKfest.

Champagne on the Park

- James Linnan has donated a floating cocktail party and tour of Lake George for 6 people to the Champagne on the Park silent auction. He encouraged board members to come up with creative ideas such as the cocktail party to help expand the silent auction list.

- A list of award nominations for Champagne on the Park was provided in the BID manager report. James Linnan made an informal motion to strike John DeJohn from the nomination list and replace with Chief Tuffey, allowing John DeJohn to give Chief Tuffey the award. John DeJohn seconded, all present board members were in favor.

Other Business

- Matt Montesano, APD, reported that there were 3 shots fired on the corner of Madison Ave. and Willet St. on the date of the board meeting. He stressed that this was not a random act and that there was an intended victim. Witnesses helped to locate the criminal on Dana Ave, where he was handcuffed and charged with reckless endangerment. Police Officers did go around and clarify the story with the businesses and residents located around the area of the incidence.
- The Albany Police Department is revitalizing the Community Police Council. The APD are looking for nominations to the council, and would like a nominee from the Lark Street BID who would be able to attend the Council meetings, to be held once a month. The nominations are due by the following week (Sept. 4-8).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.