

Reisterstown Improvement Association, Inc.
P.O. Box 856
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Founded 1758

Meeting Agenda – July 28, 2021, 7 P.M.

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2021 Officers:

President – Herb Weiss
Vice President –
Secretary- - Kathy Gambrell
Treasurer – Karla Geldmacher
Main Street Manager-Crystal Micriotti

2021 Board of Directors:

Danny Carey	Charlie Hoppa
Mary Molinaro	Shelly Nathan
Kelsey Marcus	Tom Wells
Brendan Schreiber	Margo Carter
Mark Levin	Mark Stewart

**“Reisterstown’s Main Street is a Destination.
Not Just a Drive-Through Road.”**

**We Welcome Our New Members and Our Renewing
Members for 2021**

1. Call to order –Introductions of those attending. The meeting began at 7:03 p.m.
Attendance: Herb Weiss, Wendy Berlinrood, Alonza Williams, Mary Molinaro, Captain Will Buckingham, Crystal Micriotti, Pat Gordon, Delegate Ben Brooks, Michael Ruby, Jana Korman, Bill Skibinski, Mark Levin, Michelle Bernstein, Jeannie Andrews, Essence Cropper, Robert Charles, Carlos Gonzales, Emory Young, Kelsey Marcus, Cindy Perlow, Sue Ermatinger, Brendan Schreiber
2. Review of minutes from last meeting (see attachment). Motion made by Kathy Gambrell to add Pat Brooks’ name as the person transcribing minutes for the June 2021 General meeting were approved upon motion All agreed. The minutes of the June meeting made by Mark Levin, seconded by Mary Molinaro. All accepted
3. Featured speaker—Meet our new Main Street Manager, Crystal Micriotti. **Crystal introduced herself and gave a summary of her resume’ and work experience. Since being hired July 1st, Crystal has attended meetings, events and met many people in RIA and the community. Crystal recently worked with AR Workshop to create Christmas in July on Main Street, a successful weekend of shops, street vendors and many Main Street visitors. The sample brick arrived today, was acceptable and the first order of 71 has been placed. The music is secured for the August 21 opening, art & images for the Main Street directory have been finalized, three dog waste containers were requested from the county and RIA is currently on the wait list for them. Crystal has spoken to reps of the NW Chamber, MDHCD and Main Street America. She is happy to be here.**

4. Membership Report – Kathy Gambrill – Renewals & New Members \$35/yr. for individuals and non-profit organizations, schools and churches and \$75/yr. For businesses. One benefit of membership is a listing on the Reisterstown.com website with contact info, hours, and a brief business description. **Our newest member is Crystal Micriotti!**
5. President's Report – Herb Weiss.

We were pleased to attend the Cavanaugh House community garden ribbon-cutting late last month. Blessings were spoken, the sun shone brightly, and everyone enjoyed light refreshments courtesy of Santoni's Market. Stop in and admire the garden if you can.

Our Pocket Park project is now under construction and the area is taking shape. Live Green, the landscape company we contracted with, will have the first phase completed soon prior to the August 21 celebration for our Welcome Center at 202 Main Street. Want to get your name out there? Consider having a lamp post banner or a brick in the Pocket Park; each can be personalized to your liking and will benefit our Association. We have order forms for each, or go to Reisterstown.com and hit the "donate" button. Thank you, thank you!

This past Saturday shoppers were treated to Main Street's first "Christmas in July", when a host of shops put up wreaths and trees and had a summer sale event. The merchants were very pleased with the turnout and are hoping to make it an annual occurrence. Got a zoning violation complaint? Code enforcement info: 410-887-3351

We have several committees - If you have an interest in serving on one of our committees, please speak to Kathy Gambrill or the committee chairperson.

Organization Committee—Mary Molinaro. **Fundraising has begun as The Buy-A-Brick and Main Street Banner Campaigns have started. Sponsor and banner holders-80 total-have been contacted and offered banners at \$100 for 2 years. The Committee is helping Crystal get oriented and acclimated to all aspects of Main Street.**

Economic Vitality Committee —Brendan Schreiber. **Brendan has spent the past few weeks working on the CL Grant. He will work with Pat Gordon and Crystal to understand the nature of our grants and what has been accomplished and needs to be continued. He has been working with Jeanne on the FWT-applying for permits, working on some needed changes and understanding the process, which is complicated due to property issues.**

Design Committee —Mark Levin. **Absent, but sent the following update. The banners will be ready and installed in August. There are 30 new posts available. The Orioles and Ravens banners have weathered well and will remain on their lamp posts. Robert Charles has completed the preliminary design of 20 markers for the Heritage Trail. Review and comments have been received. The committee will meet Aug 30 to finalize images and language. A vendor has been chosen and will install them when ready. The goal is to install them by the end of 2021.**

Clean, Safe and Green Committee -Dan Carey- Main Street Cleanup Day – Next one will be Saturday, August 7. Meet at Reter's Crab House & Grille parking lot at 9 AM.

Promotion Committee – Shelly Nathan. **Absent, no report was sent**

Grant Committee—Pat Gordon. **Pat met with Brendan and Mary, re; CL Grant and getting up to speed. RIA will not apply for CL 2022. Pat applied for the Baltimore County Covid 19 Relief Grant in the amount of \$25,000. This grant will help RIA make up for lost revenue from cancelled events in 2021. In August, we will know if we will be awarded the full amount requested. Pat alerted RIA of Bill 77-21, introduced into the Baltimore County Council July 26. The bill raised the number of buildings a developer may build on a plot of land from 3 to 5, without requiring a special hearing. MOTION- Mary Molinaro motioned and Pat Gordon seconded that RIA send an email to the county council opposing this action. Discussion ensued, and the motion failed. Please contact your councilman if you have opinions on this bill. RIA will not take a stand but we will send a notice to our members to alert them of this upcoming legislation. A final vote will be taken by the County Council at their work session on Monday, August 2**
Treasurer’s Report—Karla Geldmacher. **Absent, no report**

Legislators’ announcements/comments:

Michelle Bernstein -Representing BC Exec Johnny O- Baltimore County has opened the lead safe grant program. This deals with lead in the home. Eviction Moratoriums end this summer. ALL NNO events are listed on the county website. Many communities participate. Jobs are available for EZ Pass and School Crossing Guards. A town hall meeting will take place Aug 2 at the Randallstown Library with Chris Van Hollen re: broadband availability to BC residents. Send all Tourism info to Michelle.

Alonza Williams- Representing Delegate/ Speaker of the House Adrienne Jones- Planning is underway in Reisterstown and Randallstown to host community meetings, asking for input on legislative issues and capital projects.

Delegate Ben Brooks-First time home buyers savings account is worth exploring. The 10th District Democrat Club will resume and meet in August.

Carlos Gonzales-Representing Councilman Izzy Patoka- Izzy is against Bill 77-21. Izzy recently toured the recently renovated and soon to open BCPL in Reisterstown. The updates, open space and teen space are impressive, he is grateful to see these recent improvements. He thanks the current administration for the funds for this project and a thank you to Ernie Schmidhauser for organizing our local NNO.

Bill Skibinski-Baltimore County Planner/2nd District Planner- Bill is contacting community associations for their input for Master Plan 2030. Send feedback to wskibinski@baltimorecountymd.gov. CRAG applications were sent in early July. Funds from 2021 have been used wisely.

Jeanne Andrews-Chairman of FWT-Much progress has been made on the trail. Thank you to Girl and Boy Scout Troops working on trail projects that include benches and bee pollinator plants. There are five education signs to install, an outdoor play kitchen and a solitary home for bees.

Cindy Perlow-Farmer's Market- The community supports the RIA FM. Please volunteer your time, if possible, especially in the fall through Nov 21. A hand washing station was purchased and is in use. Vendors are still needed. Contact Cindy to volunteer or if you know of a suitable vendor to participate

6. **Reisterstown Community Cemetery Committee** (1764 By John Reister) - Co-Chairs Linda Percy and Chris Larkins. **Absent, no report**

7. The Franklin Precinct Police Report— Captain Buckingham will attend tonight. **Captain Will Buckingham reports some juvenile activity took place that include dumpster fires, street robbery and theft from autos. A homeless couple argued and during that time a juvenile was shot in the leg.**

Capt. Buckingham will apply for another pedestrian grant for Main Street. The Glyndon 5K is the same weekend as the Reisterstown Festival

8. New Business/Announcements-

The Farmers Market continues at the Middle School 9-1pm each Sunday thru Nov. 21. We are still accepting volunteers to help the market run smoothly.

The next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, August 4, 7pm, via Zoom.

Franklin Woodland Trail Project work session Saturday August 14, 9am, meet behind the R.U.M.C. parking lot. Info: contact Jeanne Andrews @ 410-790-3948.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 18, when we will hold the Grand Opening celebration for the Franklin Woodland Trail. Details are still being worked out, stay tuned.

There are a few tickets remaining for the Northwest Chamber of Commerce annual crab feast tomorrow from 6-8pm at the American Legion Post 116. Crabs from Reter's! Visit nw@northwestchambermd.com to purchase tickets.

Come to the Chartley Shopping Center this Tuesday for National Night Out, an annual community event to promote safety and bring neighbors together. There are first responder demos, various business and organization booths, and lots of giveaways including.....wait for it.....snacks! Always an enjoyable night. It runs 6:30-8:30 and any volunteers will be appreciated.

Two September events to put on your calendar: The second weekend features the Reisterstown Festival and the Glyndon 150th Anniversary celebration. More info will be coming over the next six weeks.

Ribbon-cutting at AR Workshop Friday, August 6 at 11am, w/N.W. Chamber.

Motion was made to adjourn at 8:23 p.m. Moved by Delegate Ben Brooks, Mary Molinaro.

**Agenda created by Herb Weiss, President
Minutes transcribed by Kathy Gambrill, Secretary**

Volunteering Your Time

Volunteers form the backbone of our communities. They set the tone for our culture. Volunteering brings help and guidance to recipients and great satisfaction to the givers.
It builds friendships, creates confidence and promotes natural leadership.

Thank you for attending tonight's meeting.

We will continue working with Michael Ruby of The Country Crier, the Baltimore County Planning Department, the Maryland Department of Economic Development, the County Executive's Office and the Main Street Maryland Program.

Phone Numbers for 2021 Officers and Board Members

Herb Weiss – President / 443-226-8879
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Shelly Nathan – Board / 410-688-8815
Dan Carey - Board / 410-833-3820
Brendan Schreiber—Board / 410-657-8926 or 410-979-3386
Charlie Hoppa – Board / 410-526-5486
Mary Molinaro-- Board / 410-908-0724
Mark Stewart – Board/410-241-1057
Margo Carter—Board/ 410-881-8121
Kelsey Marcus—Board/ 443-416-2347
Tom Wells—Board/ 410-900-8388
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Crystal Micriotti – Main Street Manager / 443-610-0493

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, August 25, 2021, 7pm.