

Minutes for Arlington BID Zoom Meeting
January 25, 2023

Attendance: Jay Baisley, Marianne Begemann, Sgt. Pat Berry, Ross Hardisty, Bob Legacy, Michelle Morrill, Jacob Reckess, Ann Shershin, Bryan Swarthout, and Jon Vincitore.

Meeting called to order at 9:03 a.m.

Minutes: Minutes from the November and December meetings were read. Ross Hardisty made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Bryan Swarthout seconded the motion, and it passed with a vote of 6 to 0.

Inflation Fund: The Budget Committee put forward a motion to add \$1,900 to the inflation fund from the 2022 surplus to cover unforeseen increases in prices. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 6 to 0. Absent from the vote was Rhianna Mirabello, Dr. Olusola Runsewe, and Elvis Pinelo.

Attorney: We discussed hiring Sharon Green, a nonprofit attorney, to update the bylaws and investigate filing for 501(c)(3) status. Michelle Morrill recommended that Anthony Capece speak with the attorney first. Approximately \$2000 of the legal fund was used on the previous attorneys. Sharon Green charges \$125 per hour. Ann Shershin made a motion to hire Sharon Green, Ross Hardisty seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of 7 to 0. We will ask Sharon Green to provide a timeline of the tasks required to update the bylaws and apply for 501(c)(3) status.

Budget: We reviewed the 2023 budget. We had a surplus from 2022 of \$14,000 in part due to not having the International Festival, not having a media assistant person, and higher than expected income from farmers' market and street fair. Some of the surplus had been moved into the contingency and inflation funds. Bob Legacy is going to look into investing some of the surplus in CD's or money market accounts since interest rates are up.

Events: The Farmers' Market will start on June 1 and be located next to the tennis courts by the North Gate on Vassar's Campus to begin with. The Arlington Street Fair will be September 16. We are still waiting to hear from the library if they have the funding this year to do the movie nights again this year. The Holiday Festival will be December 2.

Maintenance: Bob Legacy will talk with Michael Simon about trimming the trees along the sidewalks. We discussed Big Belly trash compactors and whether Recycle Depot would be able empty them.

Vassar College: Facility housing hopes to be completed this summer.

The Inn & Institute building is on schedule. Steel will be arriving soon and the building will be going up.

Marianne Begemann gave a presentation on the new Admissions and Career Ed building. Vassar will be removing some of the tennis court and locating the building next to the North parking lot. There will be 4 public tennis courts remaining. A new entrance across from Fairmont Avenue will be added. New parking will be added and there will be solar on the roof. Funding is being raised and plans are being submitted to the Town. Breaking ground may begin in August. Vassar is considering opening up the North Lot to public parking. They will be adding 14 parking spots with the new building and 40 spots to Kenyon Hall. It was suggested that Vassar could add pickle ball courts.

Arthur S. May: They are making progress. The Arthur S. May School is a few weeks away from opening and will be taking tenants. They have a new website. The front building is on schedule to be opening in August. There will be an open house.

Meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Ann Shershin