

Minutes for Arlington BID Meeting
April 26, 2023

Attendance: Jay Baisley, Sgt. Pat Berry, Jason Burt, Ross Hardisty, Bob Legacy, Rhianna Mirabello, Michelle Morrill, Jacob Reckess, Ann Shershin, Bryan Swarhout, and Jon Vincitore.

Meeting called to order at 9:10 a.m.

Minutes: Minutes from the March meeting was read and 2 corrections made. Rhianna Mirabello made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, Michelle Morrill seconded the motion, and it passed 8 to 0.

Bylaws: Conflict of interest statement to be added to the bylaws is postponed to next month.

Audit: The BID's accounts have been audited by the Town's comptroller. We were advised that the BID should not be paying sale taxes on purchases. We discussed the 501(c)(3) tax status and agreed to meet with an attorney to see what our options are to change our tax status. We discussed bringing an attorney to a board meeting.

Budget: We discussed the landscaping projects including replacing of trees and trimming up of trees. The weeds along side of the municipal parking lot next to the post office and replacing it with white river rock. We are getting the rocks free from the Town Highway Department. We will also be putting in new trees in front of the Arthur S. May project and putting white rock around the base of the trees. All these landscaping projects are not to exceed \$10,000 and the expenditure has been approved by the budget committee. The sidewalk by All Shook Up has a dip between the sidewalk and stamped brick area that could be a trip hazard. We will have the highway department look at it. There are 7 benches in Arlington that are looking worn and could be repainted. Vassar will be checked with to see if they have the necessary supplies to repainted the benches. Ann Shershin made a motion to have the benches repainted, Rhianna Mirabello seconded the motion, and the motion passed 10 to 0.

Investments: We discussed investing the unincumbered funds of \$100,000 and the Main Street design funds of \$50,000. Bryan Swarhout investing \$25,000 in each a 3 month, 6 month, 9 month, and 1 year CD since CD interest rates have increased. When the CD comes due, it will be cashed in if the funds are needed or rolled over for another 12 months. The Main Street design funds will be invested in a 12 month CD. It will also be cashed in after one year if needed or rolled over until needed for the redesign. Bryan Swarhout made a motion to invest the unincumbered and Main Street design funds in staggered CD's as described, Rhianna Mirabello seconded the motion, and it passed with a vote of 10 to 0.

Night Out: A Night Out in Arlington will be Thursday, May 18. Several businesses will be participating by providing coupons and items for the swag bags the visitors will take with them. The event is being promoted by the Recreation department email list and BID social media. There will be one musician playing on Collegeview. We are still looking for more musicians to play on the streets in Arlington.

Farmers' Market: There is currently 26 vendors for the Farmers' Market. We discussed placing a kiosk on the Vassar Alumina lawn to place announcements of the Farmers' Market and other BID events. The BID brochure is done. A list of BID events needs to be posted in the kiosk next to My Market.

Safe Night Out: There is a band scheduled for Friday, June 2, at the War Memorial parking lot on Main Street. In July, there is music and kids' activities planned in the Garden Arts space next to Crafted Kup. The Safe Night Out will be on Main Street, August 4. The town police will be having their own safe night out in a town park. Arlington Fire Department will be participating in BID's safe night out.

825 Main Street: Bob Legacy took pictures of the trash piling up behind the former Chinese restaurant at 825 Main Street. He sent the pictures to the Zoning department for enforcement.

Meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.
Minutes submitted by Ann Shershin