

Minutes for Arlington BID Meeting
September 27, 2023

Attendance: Jason Burt, Ross Hardisty, Bob Legacy, Rhianna Mirabello, Michelle Morrill, Jacob Reckess, Ann Shershin, Dr. Adam Silverman, and Bryan Swarthout.

Meeting called to order at 8:08 a.m.

Special Meeting to Discuss Events: The Arlington BID's events include the Farmer Market, Street Fair, Holiday Festival, various spring events, and the International Fair (which was stalled out due to Covid). We discussed the most recent Street Fair. Several of the businesses on Raymond claimed that they did not have a good day and had low sales in their stores during the Street Fair. Street Fair was also the same day as Rosh Hashanah and we did receive some complaints. In the past, the Street Fair was connected to Vassar College's parents' weekend and the date would change each year. Another complaint was about the bees at the Street Fair and recommended that wasp traps be put up next year. It was also discussed to find another organization to help host and organize the Street Fair and they would get a portion of the profits. In the past, Vassar was more involved with the Street Fair. It was also recommended to get higher quality vendors. We discussed setting up a committee to run the street fair and that we need more volunteers.

Rhianna Mirabello said she is willing to be the events committee chair and would set up an events committee meeting. We discussed keeping the big events and build an infrastructure to aid the committee planning the events. It was recommended to get the board members more involved and assign each one to one of the committees. It was also suggested that the management company, 360 Property Management, be involved with the events committee. We discussed having a meet and greet with the businesses in the BID.

At 9:00 a.m., Jay Baisley, Lt. Patrick Barry, and Jon Vincitore joined the meeting.

Bob Legacy left the room and we discussed an incident between 2 of the vendors at the Street Fair. It was suggested that a code of conduct be included on the application and that vendors can be asked to leave the event. We talk about making de-escalation training available to the board.

Regular BID board meeting called to order at 9:37 a.m. and Bob Legacy returned to the room.

Rhianna Mirabello made a motion to accept the landscaping contract, Bryan Swarthout seconded the motion and the motion passed, 10 to 0.

We discussed the incident at the Street Fair with Bob Legacy and discussed whether to allow the vendor back into the Farmers' Market or to refund his unused market fee. Ross Hardisty will send a letter to the vendor. It was recommended to add a code of conduct to all the applications.

We discussed setting up an events committee, establishing all the committees and determining their duties.

Ross Hardisty will email out the current by laws to the board members.

Meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.
Minutes submitted by Ann Shershin