

## **Lark Street BID Board Meeting Minutes**

**February 4, 2010**

**Attendance:** Jerry Aumand, Matt Badalucco, Maude Baum, Richard Berkley, Mark Brogna, Richard Conti, Megan Daly, RA DePrima, Jeffrey Gritsavage, Dino Kacani

**Staff:** Mary Spinelli, Sara-Becca Smith

**Guests:** Matt Montesano

**Absent:** Matt Baumgartner, MaryAnne Repecki, Chris Schloss, Tyler Wrightson

### **Opening Remarks**

At 6:05 Jeffrey Gritsavage called the meeting to order.

### **Executive Director Report**

Mary Spinelli discussed research into installing a span wire from Bombers to UHPP buildings.

Spinelli reported the outcome of a meeting with neighbor on Lancaster in reference of their use of a gate to access BID property. Richard Berkley advised barring their access to the property, but if the BID decided to allow them access to require them to sign a waiver holding the BID harmless against any injury they might suffer on the BID's property.

Gritsavage asked for Board Review/comments of January meeting minutes.

Matt Badalucco motioned to approve the minutes. Richard Berkley seconded and all were in favor.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **▪ Executive Committee**

Richard Conti made a motion to adopt the Conflicts of Interest Policy. Jerry Aumand seconded and all were in favor.

#### **▪ Finance Committee**

Matt Badalucco discussed leaving the Board and Erin Brewer as a possible appointment.

#### **▪ Public Safety**

Matt Montesano reported on the arrest for the Chestnut robbery. Possibility of looking at lighting for Dove street for increased safety.

Montesano also mentioned that DGS had been sent out in response to the rash of graffiti in Center Square.

Montesano also reported that the APD was working on Community Policing initiatives and holding committee forums to determine where zoning areas will be. Defensive Driving course will be offered as part of the Community Policing program.

#### **▪ Street Maintenance & Environmental Committee**

RA reported the street sign at Hudson Ave is down.

#### **▪ Business Retention**

The Board discussed a BZA application for a grocery store in 454 Madison Ave. Richard Conti stated his opposition to the application. The general opinion was in opposition to the application. Jerry Aumand made a motion for the BID to formally oppose the application. RA seconded and the motion passed by majority vote. It was opposed by Richard Berkley and Maude Baum. Megan Daly abstained.

Gritsavage mentioned the networking event organized by Tyler Wrightson

▪ **Development Committee**

Richard Berkley reported that the NYS budget would probably be done within five weeks, and that any member items would follow soon after.

▪ **Special Events Committee**

Spinelli asked the Board to nominate Honorees for Champagne on the Park. The board suggested Matt Badalucco. Additional honorees were Matt Baumgartner and Chris Pratt.

**Other Business**

At 7:45 Richard Berkley made a motion to adjourn. Jerry Aumand seconded and all were in favor.