

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

**June 4, 2009**

**Attendance:** Jerry Aumand, Maude Baum, Erin Brewer, Richard Conti, Rob Curry, Megan Daly, Jeffrey Gritsavage, Dino Kacani, Donald Keenan, Lucy Prudencio

**Staff:** Mary Spinelli, Michael Weidrich

**Guest:** Matt Montesano

**Absent:** Matt Badalucco, Matt Baumgartner, Richard Berkley, Jim Linnan

### **Opening Remarks**

The meeting commenced at 6:20. Jeffrey Gritsavage asked the board to approve minutes from February, March, and April 2009 minutes. Richard Conti moved that February minutes be approved, Donald Keenan seconded and all were in favor. Richard Conti motioned for March minutes to be approved, Dino Kacani seconded and all were in favor. Richard Conti moved that the April 2<sup>nd</sup> minutes be approved, Lucy Prudencio seconded. Megan Daly asked that the minutes reflect her absence was known to Michael Weidrich and that she is a representative of the city, not the ALDC. The board members then approved the minutes. Richard Conti motioned for the April 30<sup>th</sup> minutes to be approved, Donald Keenan seconded and all were in favor.

Donald Keenan made an announcement about the Shear Madness performances at Capital Rep. which takes place in a fictional salon on Lark Street.

Michael Weidrich discussed moving the dates of the July and October board meetings to July 9<sup>th</sup> and proposed having a Saturday 'retreat' in October at the University Club to plan out 2010's strategic priorities. The retreat would involve a non-board member to facilitate the activities & team building exercises.

Erin Brewer expressed that she would like the board to get more involved in charity work and community volunteering.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **▪ Executive Committee**

#### **▪ Public Safety**

Richard Conti stated that there would be a walk & watch training scheduled. Matt Montesano reported that the Graffiti artist 'Ouch' was arrested uptown. He also reported that there was a bike helmet program sponsored by the Head Injury Association providing 140 free bicycle helmets to kids. Jerry Aumand suggested including the Albany Police central dispatch number (438-4000) on the BID website.

### **Other Business**

Richard Conti announced that representatives from Traffic Safety and DGS Engineering would be at the next Hudson Park NA meeting to discuss improvements and expansions on Delaware Ave including the signal improvements at the intersection of Madison and Lark/Delaware.

Maude Baum reported that the National Endowment for the Arts and Main Street Grants are now available. Megan Daly added that there is available money through Empire State Development.

- **Environmental Committee**
- **Business Retention and Recruitment**
- **Marketing Committee**
- **Finance Committee**
- **Special Events**
- **Election Committee**

**Other Business**

Rob Curry motioned to adjourn, Donald Kennan seconded, all were in favor and at 7:00 the meeting was adjourned.