

March 22, 2023 JP CSMS Board Meeting Minutes

Board Members (11): Brad Brown, Deborah Karson, Karen O'Brien, Michael Reiskind, Nicole Gunn and Paul Stamatatos

Brie Pullum, Craig Panzer, Janet Galloway, Josh Muncey and Michael Epp,

In attendance (8): Alissa Brooks, My'Kel McMillen (Office of Councilor Lara) and Ginger Brown Delhia Emanuel, Kayla Lopes (TD Bank-JP), Sarah Marsan ***Meeting called to order at 5:05PM.***

Introductions

Approval of Minutes

February 22nd, 2023 minutes:-

Motion by Karen O'Brien and seconded by Brad Brown. No corrections, discussion, or questions

Approved 5-0-0

Treasurer's Report –Craig Panzer-reports included Craig missing from the meeting.

Feb 2023 Total Assets \$64,604.17, Liabilities and Equity \$64,604.17

Profit and Loss:-

Revenue \$36,556.09 expenditures \$15,961.81 net \$20,594.28

Profit & Loss YTD

Revenue \$116,881.89, Expenditures \$96,492.27 net \$20,389.64

City gave us \$25,000 from operating budget and **\$10,000 grant funds. (???)**

Reimbursements for rents and salary still outstanding.

JP CSMS Board: Reports of activity:

a) Board Fundraising: Ginger Brown –Karen O'Brien

Taste and Tour to be held starting at Loring Greenough House on Tuesday May 16th, 2023.

Looking at the cost of hats that say the name and JPCSMS logo. Poster design still pending.

Items to remain in historic tour-The whale weathervane, the woman's office on Harris Ave-Julie Goodrich, The Citizens clock, working gas lights, the sculpture at the monument, the masonic hall, and Peter Parley.

Cost \$100.00 per ticket.

There will be food provided by eight restaurants with groups mixing up the sites and historic stories.

Sponsorship package sent out. Received TCB who allows \$5,000.00 per Main Streets. Cervone and Deegan would sponsor Taste and Tour. Ken Sazama from Sazama Real Estate will cover the dog parade. No other received. Possible TD Bank when they open officially.

b) Board retreat

The retreat held on March 5th at Turtle Swamp from 2-6PM. No retreat in 2022.

Michael Reiskind thought the retreat was a success. Karen stated the synopsis emailed from Ginger covered all the different topics to cover immediately, one year and five years. Opportunity for the board to think about the long term strategy, plans and goals of the organization.

Design Working Group – Ginger Brown, & Michael Reiskind Michael Epp not in attendance

Beautification grant from the city with focus on South Street. The proposal was submitted for 2023.

Any changes or update can be submitted but can't be implemented this year.

Comments from Michael regarding bicycle lanes for cross streets.

No plans to add transportation group or task force at this time.

Gaps in items that we don't currently cover including public safety.

Light at Burroughs helped with crosswalk issues.

No light at Seaverns Street at Bank of America which would increase the problems at that corner adding bikes to the mix.

Economic Vitality (EV) Working Group: Ginger Brown

Are You Fair to Your Employee? workshop is in 2 weeks on April 4th, next 2 will be on April 11 & 25th, 2023 at Village Works.

Four (4) signed up for the last workshop. Push for more signups for the next workshops.

Empty vacant storefronts should be addressed. More closings than opening at the end of pandemic.

Promotion & Events Working Groups: Ginger Brown

A) One Boston Day is scheduled for neighborhood cleanup in partnership with TD Bank on April 15th, 23.

Community cleanup has three to six volunteers work up South St mall to post office on Centre.

Love your block initiative is different from this event and after TD's grand opening on April 21. Not been implemented by JPCSMS.

B)

Neighborhood Bar Hop and Trolley Tour on April 29th, 2023 1-5PM.

Four neighborhoods- Hyde Park, Jamaica Plain, Roslindale and West Roxbury. Hyde Park received grant to initiate this tour. Sponsorships haven't been received. The Main Streets are asking each group to pay for the four (4) trolleys \$1,800.00 total, hop on hop off, tickets are \$20.00. Appetizers will be provided at participating restaurants. In Jamaica Plain the restaurants will be Jeanie Johnson, Costello's and Galway house. It's also asked that we cover some of the cost of food approximately \$300-\$400.00. Final cost total will be \$2500.00. Button indicating participation and ability to get the food at the restaurants.

Sam Montano is sponsoring \$250.00 and will do a meet and greet.

C)

Night Market at South Street TBD

Meeting with Kelsey –Thursday evening 6-9PM once a month. Parking lane closure from Focus Real Estate to Said and Done Tattoo. Ask stores to provide vending tables. No food trucks - will highlight stores like Happy Market instead. Cater to adults with live music- each location will choose music weekly for diversity. McCormack and Scanlon might get a pickle ball tournament. Sponsored by funds from beautification grant.

Any possibility of Fiore's and Juicy-Green? Ms. Laura and Kelsey are talking to each business to get 100% participation.

Michael received comments regarding his notation on pickle ballers being entitled. It was stated that he was unfair.

D) JP Uplift:-Nicole Gunn

LuMeNet (LUnch for MEntoring and NETworking) on the 26th of April. Social media has to be completed. More to come. It will be held at the JP Branch Library. Boston Ujima Project will attend.

8) Executive Director's Report - Ginger Brown:

A) Boston Main Street Conference - Conference from March 26-29th, 2023.

Ginger will be presenting a workshop on Racial Equity on Wednesday

Total attendance at entire conference is expected to be over 1700 people.

Civic leaders can receive discounted price for attending

LYFT spots were already been inquired by travelers to the conference. We paid \$1,600.00 toward the program to help bring visitors to the JP area for dinner.

B) Beautification Grant - Met with Shoma Haque regarding Parklet using beautification grant. Using hanging plants and a climbing vine.

Parklet needs to be power wash and a slat was hit by a car, needs repairing.

Sign on the Parklet should state owned by City, sponsored by JPCSMS.

c) Annual Meeting

The annual meeting is tentatively set for April. Suggestions for a dynamic speaker needed and location of First Church.

The date has to be tweaked around all the other workshops and meetings. If sooner than the 19th or 26th wouldn't have time to advertise.

Brad suggested Sam Montano, the state representative as the guest speaker.

D) Main Street Mingle

There isn't a scheduled mingle since it overlaps with the conference.

9) News on the street:

Railynn's Furniture has closed on South Street

Friday (Haitian Restaurant) will open. Applying for Beer and wine license.

Limited seats may create problems with getting license.

Boston Bulletin ran an article about businesses three years after Covid. They took a quote from Ginger and spotlight Brie from Nickels and Dimes.

TD Bank is opening on April 21st, 2023

New/old Business:

A lot of events occurring in the next week/.month.

The next meeting is April 26th 2023

Upcoming events

March 26-29 Annual Main St Conference

April 9th Easter

April 15th, One Boston Day of service cleanup 9-11AM

April 17th, Patriots Day

April 19th - Annual Meeting 7-9PM

April 26th LuMeNet Lunch

April 29th, Neighborhood Bar Hop and Trolley Tour 1-5PM \$20.00

May 6th, Wake Up the Earth

May 13th, Parklet unveiling

May 14th, Mother's Day and Lilac Festival

May 16th - Spring fundraiser -Taste and Tour 6-9PM \$100.00

May 29th -Memorial Day