

Minutes		Date: Dec 15, 2020
		Location: Zoom
The Newark Partnership Board Meeting		Start Time: 6:30 p.m.
End Time: 7:10 p.m.		
Attendees: <i>Polly Sierer, Bob McBride Jerry Clifton,, Roy Lopata, Tom Coleman, Freeman Williams, Kathleen Matt, Paul Keely, Chris Locke, Jamie Zingaro, Leann Moore, Val Lane</i>		
Regrets: <i>Max Walton, Olivia Brinton, Kerry Edwards, Bryan Horsey</i>		
Absent: Guests: None		
Item Topic	Summary of Discussion	Outcome/Action
Approval of Minutes	Motion: Clifton Second: Keely Vote: Unanimous	Minutes Approved without changes
Approval of Treasurer’s Report	Motion: Rich Second: Lopata Vote: Unanimous	Report Approved
Membership Update	Membership Update: Working on 6 month free membership 4 New Business members in Beans Coffee FirstState Maintenance Blue Hen Comics Camp Bow Wow (outside city limits) 2 Individual Membership No new non-profits	

Executive Committee	Executive Director Search Update: Narrowed to 7 finalists for interviews Screening zooming meeting Friday Dec 18 with 6 remaining candidates. Hope to narrow to 2-3 people for final formal interviews at this meeting. Some candidates have previous experience all have relevant experience. Executive Committee will meet and narrow down to final set of interviews after beginning of 2021. They will bring a final candidate to the TNP Board for a final decision in January. Discussed process for bringing candidate information to the Board and how we can make sure that the selected candidate will have the correct set of skills to ensure success in fund raising. Polly noted that they will not accept simply the best of the current candidates- but the right candidate. Sharing confidential applicant information to the Board should not be an issue- we agreed to share names and keep absolutely confidential the applicants. Polly will share this with Board via email	
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Administrative Announcements	Newark Community Conversation Virtual event – January 26 2021 Webinar version of CoVid -19update Covering: DE Dept of Health rules UD planning through 2021-2022 Vaccines Distribution Shop Small Newark Campaign update November events were in person before Small Business Saturday. 20 Packets ahead of event and 50 on the day Made contact with inquires personally 6 ABC TV covered the event in person. Most recent event moved to virtual Special edition Events Newsletter sent Friday Constant promotion on Social Media, TNP Newsletter and website. Newsletter circulation 200+ /week Facebook/Instagram followers 268 Restaurant Week Dinner Series update Planning for January21-27 week for full service and take out components at restaurants. Advertising is ready to go but it may depend on the State of DE/Newark business restrictions. If restrictions are lessened it will go forth, may be postponed if restrictions are maintained. We may change this to curbside restaurant week if restrictions are in place. February Restaurant week is also scheduled. Details TBA Bingo Community Participation Project – ends 12/31/2020 2 Winners! Kircher and Barker another person is also slated to win.	
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Committee Updates	<i>Nonprofit Enhancement-</i> Contributions from NAAC and NAWC for School supply program Family Sponsorships for the Holiday Season are underway. School Supply donations raised \$3300 to be purchased from the Runga website They will be distributed to Newark Elem Schools soon. MLKing weekend planning in conjunction with Newark NAACP chapter. We realized we can't take the old model and recycle it. Working on ideas with NAACP to come up with a new way to celebrate and provide service with safety. TNP/City of Newark We realized City of Newark Funds are restricted by geographic locations but we discussed how to work with the existing agencies that serve Newark residents as well as others outside the City. Suggestion for assistance National Guardswoman killed on Thanksgiving Eve- can we be of service to her family <i>Civic Engagement-</i> Meeting on Wed Dec 16 to work on plans. Knowing Newark Jan 21 2021 Virtual History Tour with Jim Jones co-sponsored by Newark Historic Society To be focused on the Deanery Neighborhood and the Great Fire in the Mills that took place. Goals for the Committee are under review: 2 main points we are discussing. More diverse membership for the Committee Mapping events for 2021 <i>Economic Enhancement</i> Few members attended this meeting. We may need to schedule face to face meetings for merchants. We are not getting much interest in helping businesses events Meeting in Dec to review the latest COVID-19 emergency measures from the State and City and how we can help businesses. Did not work very well. Dan suggested other TNP members might be	
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	able to help encourage other longer-term programs. Many businesses seem to be in survival mode.	
		Minutes by Robert McBride
The next meeting will be: January 19, 2021, 6:30pm		