

Minutes from the January 28, 2020 GRHBA Meeting:

In attendance: Cindy Genter, Sec; Marti Maxwell, Tres.; Steve Atkinson(Shore to Be Fun Photographs), Rich Geller (The Mainstay), Emily McCoy (Ec. Dev.), Bernadette Bowman (Tourism), Debra Woodruff-Capper (R.H. Lions Club), Leslie Sea (WCTR), Sawyer Cornelius (Haven Harbour), Beth Dunn (JLS/RHYC), Deborah Reese (Cinnamon By The Bay), Effie (Rock Hall Trailer Park), Bob Tacher (Breese Sailmakers), Rick Carter (Delmarva Craft), Sarah Reihl (Osprey Point), Ed "Cap" Pickering (North Point), Courtney Chipouras (Select Land & Homes), George Barnett (RH Veterinary Hospital), Harriet Creighton (Peoples Bank), Dawn Jacobs, Bob Resale.

The meeting was called to order at 9:03AM by Secretary Cindy Genter. Attendees introduced themselves and Steve Atkinson made a motion to accept the minutes from November 2019. Motion was seconded and passed.

Marti Maxwell reported checking account balance as of Dec. 31, 2019 was \$25,383.82. Marti offered to continue as bookkeeper, but we are looking for a Treasurer.

Main Street Rock Hall: MSRH has sent out info and applications for Façade Improvements Grants. Applications due by March 15. The next Open Meeting for MSRH will be in March. A suggestion was made that businesses on Main Street should have signage perpendicular to their buildings.

Mayor Dawn Jacobs reported on town activities: 1) Community Development Block Grant Survey on utilities will be sent out in mailing & on website. 2) Transportation options handout is attached. A transportation task force has been formed with Ed Pickering, Bryn Ponti, Jason Miller, Dawn Jacobs, Beth Andrews. 7-14 passenger vehicles. Don't have money for trolleys now. Will pursue the shuttle bus option. Need to raise \$45,000 for the shuttle bus. Looking at grants.

Emily reported there is a new rack card with Ec.Dev services listed. Sprinkler tax credit of \$5,000 is available for new home construction. Legislative items: opposing legislation to remove business tax credits; support for data center bill; seeking federal funding for Opportunity Zone. DCT Bus Stop signs are up: 3 pick ups/day in Rock Hall at Bayside Foods; 9 stops in Kent County. Route is on the KC Ec.Dev website.

Bernadette reported Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge will be featured in February Recreation News magazine. Washingtonian article on Chestertown this summer. Look at your business on KentCounty.com to make sure it's correct. Spring coop ads are in progress. Tourism impact to Kent County was \$63.2M, up from \$21M in 2001.

Upcoming Events:

Feb. 1 is Muskrat Cookoff at Maggies

Feb. 19 is GRHBA Mixer at Rock Hall Veterinary Hospital (5-7pm)

April 18 is Pour Up The Shore (Craft Beer & Wine Festival) Rick Carter has details

April 18 is grand opening for Cinnamon By The Bay (old Tallulah's)

May 8 is Lions Club Circus

2020 is Mainstay's 25th Anniversary. Look for big event in July

Old Business: Maps were distributed.

New Business: Looking for new GRHBA Board members for 2020. Contact any officer.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04AM

The next meeting will be Tuesday February 25th, 9:00AM RHVFC.

SAVE THE DATE!!

February 19, 2020, 5:00-7:00pm

GRHBA Winter Mixer at Rock Hall Veterinary Hospital