

Tues, July 28, 2020 - Virtual - Conference Call

July Meeting Notes:

23 people participated in our 7/28/2020 GRHBA conference call. President Suzanne Einstein opened the call at 9:02 am.

Jamie Williams, Kent County Economic Development reported 36 applications were received for the Kent County CARES Act Grant program Checks are being delivered to businesses this week. 15 businesses will receive marketing grants. Webinars about these grants to come. David Caines has been brought on as a consultant by Kent County to assist businesses and organizations with PPP loan forgiveness and other needs during these challenging times. David's contact info is:

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Jana Carter of Tourism said they are working on the 2021 Marketing Plan. 25,000 Kent County Visitors Guides were recently inserted into the Washington Post. Tourism is working on an All American Roads designation. Tourism is also working on a video for the Museums of Kent County and has established a "Kent County Tourism" You Tube Channel with Playlists for "Inns", "Main Streets", etc. and will add the Main Street Rock Hall Welcome Back video to the channel. Sandy Scott has 2 boxes of Visitors Guides at the Hickory Stick if anyone wants some. More Visitors Guides are available from Tourism. Bernadette Bowman announced she will retire from Kent County. We wish you all the best and thank you for your help Bernadette.

Laurie Walters with Main Street Rock Hall stated the first round of Facade Grants had been awarded. A second round will begin early next year, so businesses and property owners should start thinking about project they want to get done. The Welcome Bank video has been posted on the MSRH website and shared and boosted on FaceBook.

Laurie also mentioned Pirates & Wenches Weekend will be a virtual event this year. T-shirts (Lost at Sea theme) are available for sale at Hickory Stick or on Bonfire website. There will be a House Decorating Contest, a Boat Decorating Contest, and a Costume Contest (on Zoom). Judging will be on or around August 15. There will also be a Photo Contest from Past P&W events. Please help get the word out and share P&W info on your business and personal Facebook pages.

Member comments:

Bob Tacher said restoration work on the Clam House started. Building will be power washed and mural repaired.

Leslie Sea said WCTR is putting a satellite station in Rock Hall near Harbor Shack. Hoping to have it up by Pirates & Wenches. Come in to visit and talk about your business.

Debra Woodruff-Capper said the Lions Club will have a small version of their Community Yard Sale in the Fall. The Mainstay is doing live streaming and will include our ads on their walls in the streams. Mainstay needs someone to make drawings for their new deck and roof. Anyone interested should contact Debra.

Deborah Reese announced Cinnamon By The Bay will be opening August 12.

Marta Kumer reported that Selkie Books will be opening on Monday, Aug 3

Congratulations Marta!