

Public Notice – BWVC Regular Meeting
7:30 PM at the BWVC
Monday, May 15, 2017

Agenda

Public Session

Acceptance of Minutes

REPORTS

Manager's Report (Beverley)
Building / Maintenance (Randy)
Programming – PPP (Toby)

ITEMS

Old Business

New Business

Civic Committee & Pavilion
DE AG's opinion on Brooke's FOIA complaint
Long Term Rental Agreements

Attendance: Walter Borders, Denis O'Regan, Randy Hoopes, Pat Toman, Toby Ridings, Beverley Fleming, Terry Hansen, Maria Burslem Guest: David Claney (late)

Meeting: Called to order 7:30pm

Minutes: April meeting minutes accepted without change.

Manager's Report

Phone log shown. (Need to include phone log stats)

False fire alarms: the problem was the backup 2nd phone connection was wired wrong. Security Instruments replaced sensors and the actuator at the door next to the Town Office door before finding that the phone line was bad. It also was a problem that Verizon couldn't find the line in their own records. It's under a different account.

Discussion: it might be cheaper to use an ethernet card to replace the 2nd phone line. Someone needs to look into the robustness of the wireless/internet.

(1st and 2nd account names?)

Stuff: The electric stove, can not stay in the building, (since that signals an (unintended) illegal kitchen), therefore the stove will be offered for sale at the community garage sale on May 27. Offer to sell stove for \$75.

The upright piano was made redundant by Pete Compo's donation of an electric piano (that does not need to be tuned). We can advertise like Ron Ozer in Ardenistas Facebook page (make an offer).

Discussion: Kitchen at the Buzz could be in the front rooms. It would need stove, vents, fire suppression, separate sinks for food prep and dish washing. And so on. It would change the character of Rooms 1 & 2.

Building / Maintenance

No roof leaks from above the stage.

Fire Marshal came and went. The Buzz is fine.

Programming – PPP

Coffeehouse: Very low attendance: 40 tops.

Terry: We pass the basket for musicians. How like paying for Yoga is it where we pay Barbara?
Answer: Barbara is licensed to teach Yoga and Strength and Mobility, unlike musicians.

Denis: How sustainable is the coffeehouse? With less and less income and attendance, how can we keep interest up? Is it a tired idea or being taken for granted? \$50 donation for 50 people comes out to \$1 per person.

Terry: The program (low paying) people will have and/or develop and emotional attachment to the building where later they will vote for repairs.

Toby: Notice of the coffeehouse did not go out far enough in advance to advertise. Need better advertising.

Terry: The Buzz needs social events. They are socially frivolous and very committed. How to reach people, for example, the ACRA Potluck dinner.

Randy: Pick up the coffeehouse in October.

Art on the Town is doing well. Look into a having a 2017-2018 season planning meeting.

Toby has a 150 email vendor list and will begin emailing. She will move the address book to Google mail. PPP planing meetings will begin this month. Randy will be there. Considering purchasing a large banner from Staples.

Telebration is a go. The event is either before or after the November 18 Gild Hall dinner. Megan wants a room to train face painters for Arden Fair.

Decision: No free room to train face painters.

Art murals meetings –Toby will follow this thread with Linda Celestian.

Community Event request for First State Together (F.I.S.T) by Jan Lewis, Ardentown resident. Request is denied by unanimous vote. FIST does not meet the concept as a community event. Denis and Toby

will answer Jan and come up with an explaining line or modification for the Community Events request web page.

Civic Committee and BWVC Pavilion: Civic says it will put it in the front yard for shade. Civic has been invited to come speak to the BWVC committee. Conversely, the Civic committee has a standing invitation for the BWVC to visit their meeting. The Buzz committee was asked if anyone would be the ambassador to the Civic committee on this question. No one volunteered.

Concerns: It will provide another place for bad people to loiter. After spending \$30,000 on the exterior renovation of the building, the design and execution from Civic "... cannot afford our taste level".

Delaware Attorney General's FOIA opinion: The reading of the opinion shows that they do not understand how the committee operates and the roles of the individual members.

FOIA: Having said that, the take away is that any members expressing an opinion, judgment or speculation in email or verbally outside of a legal meeting constitutes an illegal meeting. Information only – can be passed among members.

Due the late hour, we adjourned before a discussion on Long Term Rental Agreements.

Meeting adjourned around 9:30 PM

Respectfully submitted
Walter Borders
Co-chair BWVC