

# Midway Renaissance Board Minutes

March 17, 2009

United Bank, Midway, KY

Members Present: Pam Thomas, Randy Thomas, Dan Roller, Becky Moore, Mary Thoreson, Mary Weese, Bob Rathbone, Sarah Rathbone

Members Absent: Joy Arnold, Tom Bozarth, Diana Ratliff, Phil Gerrow

Guests Present: John McDaniel, Marcie Christensen, Dan Brenyo

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Taken/Needed
Minutes from February 17, 2009	Minutes previously emailed to the Board.	<b>Motion to accept the minutes by Dan seconded by Sarah. Unanimously approved.</b>
Main Street Manager Vacancy	<p><b>Dan Brenyo</b> attended the meeting as a representative of the Woodford County Chamber of Commerce - <b>Tami Vater</b>, the Executive Director, was unable to attend our meeting. Dan attended the meeting to discuss the vacancy in the Main Street Manager position, which is funded collaboratively by Woodford County, Versailles and Midway and housed at the Chamber of Commerce office.</p> <p><b>Randy</b> reminded the board that the actual decisions about hiring and firing of the Main Street Manager is made by the County Judge Executive and the mayors of Midway and Versailles.</p> <p><b>Dan Brenyo</b> told the board that he is unable to discuss personnel issues with the board, but did report that the decision to let the Main Street Manager to go was a decision made by the County Judge and the two mayors based upon information provided to them.</p> <p><b>Dan Brenyo's</b> suggestion for moving forward is to bring all involved parties to the table to redraft and discuss the interlocal agreement with regard to the expectations and responsibilities for the position since there is time (up to 90 days to fill the vacant position to retain Main Street certification). Issues that need to be decided are what the fiscal responsibilities are, what the administrative roles are, and who is responsible for what. This should be done before a new ad is placed or the position is advertised.</p> <p><b>Dan Roller</b> asked <b>Dan Brenyo</b> whether the provisions of the employee handbook were followed in dismissing the Main Street Manager, and he asked about the impact on momentum for both programs caused by the lack of a manager. <b>Dan Brenyo</b> reported that progressive disciplinary actions were</p>	

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	<p>instituted in accordance with the policies of the Chamber of Commerce before dismissal.</p> <p><b>Randy</b> asked who actually employs the Main Street Manager and noted that these issues need to be clarified going forward. Who has authority to determine what the Manager does and where the manager goes? Who approves attendance at meetings and other events?</p> <p><b>Dan Brenyo</b> indicated that the previous approach was probably flawed because too many details were not resolved from the beginning. Many of the questions that still exist were questions back in November, and new questions have been raised since then about how to practically address these issues.</p> <p>It was noted that there were many necessary details that were not resolved at the time the Main Street Manager was hired that should have been resolved and should be resolved before moving forward.</p> <p>Discussion was had about the need to designate one entity that will be responsible for the day to day supervision and direction of the Main Street Manager, and the need to involve all of the partners in the discussion about how to move forward. <b>Dan Brenyo</b> suggested (his personal opinion) that all six entities (Woodford County Fiscal Court, City of Versailles, City of Midway, Vision Versailles Partnership, Midway Renaissance and Woodford County Chamber of Commerce) be given voting rights as a member of the “commission” established by the current interlocal agreement. The Midway Renaissance Board concurred with this opinion.</p> <p><b>Dan Brenyo</b> noted that there also needs to be an avenue for one of the partners to inform the other partners if there are performance issues with the Main Street Manager.</p> <p><b>Dan Brenyo</b> reported that he is hopeful there will be a meeting early next week bringing the 6 impacted parties together to discuss how to move forward on this issue.</p> <p><b>Mary</b> noted that a number of downtown merchants (if not all) are aware of the dismissal of Jessica as the Main Street Manager and have expressed their concerns and frustration. <b>Randy</b> asked if there is anything that the Board or that he can do personally with the merchants in regards to Midway Renaissance. <b>Mary</b> expressed her belief that the merchants are not upset with Renaissance, but another vacancy in the manager position gives the Main Street Program” a negative image. <b>Mary</b> noted that she had hoped to gain some addition insight into the current situation and be able to report to the</p>	

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	<p>merchants who have inquired of her. Noting that Renaissance was/is not in a position to make personnel decisions <b>Randy</b> suggested that all inquiries be directed to the Mayors or the County Judge.</p>	
<p>Treasurers Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renaissance</li> <li>• Greenspace</li> <li>• Francisco's Farm</li> </ul>	<p><b>Sarah</b> reported that the balance in the Renaissance account is \$9,936.64 And the balance for the Greenspace account is \$1,932.86</p> <p><b>Sarah</b> also reported that the account has been switched to an interest bearing account.</p> <p><b>Marcie</b> presented the monthly narrative and fiscal reports for Francisco's Farm The combined balance at the end of February was \$5,816.38. She reported that over \$30,000 has been deposited so far in March. \$641.40 has been received so far from Kroger Cards.</p> <p><b>Marcie</b> requested that the board waive the two signature requirement for checks written on the Francisco's Farm account for amounts up to \$1,000 to accommodate on line banking, not to exceed ten (10) checks over \$1,000 in any fiscal year.</p>	<p><b>Reports were accepted as presented</b></p> <p><b>Pam moved that the request be accepted, seconded by Becky approved unanimously</b></p>
<p>2009 Kentucky Main Street/Renaissance on Main Application</p>	<p><b>Note:</b> Jessica reported to Randy previously that Midway Renaissance's application was filed with the Kentucky Heritage Council in a timely manner.</p>	
<p>By Laws</p>	<p>By-laws were reviewed and discussed. Changes were made, and the revised and final by-laws will be distributed before and voted finally at the April meeting.</p>	
<p>Proposed Ordinance for Volunteer Work</p>	<p><b>Randy</b> reported that there is nothing new to report on the ordinance since the series of e-mail last week. <b>Randy</b> said that it is his assumption that the committee will present the ordinance at the City Council meeting next week.</p> <p>There is a revised draft in circulation, which may or may not be the final ordinance presented. Randy has asked to be provided with a copy of the ordinance that will be presented.</p> <p><b>Randy</b> asked the board if there is any desire for the board to take action or make a statement as a board regarding the ordinance or the approach to be used by the City to address insurance issues and volunteers.</p> <p>The board discussed the importance of presenting a statement of the board and whether membership input should be solicited.</p> <p>It was decided that the board will request that the City Council not address the ordinance, and that a general statement be made expressing concern about</p>	

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	<p>the need for the ordinance. Confirm that we support a more collaborative process to find a solution to address the needs and concerns for insurance purposes that will not inhibit or discourage volunteerism in the community.</p> <p><b>Randy</b> advised that he will follow up with Committee Chair <b>Charlann Wombles</b> prior to the City Council meeting.</p>	
<p>Manager's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional meeting</li> <li>• Meeting w/Vision Versailles</li> <li>• Art in the Park</li> <li>• Other</li> </ul>	<p>No manager in place at this point so no report was provided.</p> <p>It was noted in an early conversation that the next Regional Main Street meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 20, 2009 from 10:00 – 2:00 in Georgetown.</p>	
<p>Midway Living History Committee</p>	<p>Becky reported that April 4<sup>th</sup> has been set for reading of the script for the Midway pageant. Becky also asked for approval to place ads in the Woodford Sun two times before the event with expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$240.</p>	<p><b>Motion by Bob, second by Sarah, approved unanimously.</b></p>
<p>Francisco's Farm Committee</p>	<p>Written report submitted.</p>	
<p>Greenspace Committee</p>	<p>Due to the length of the meeting a Greenspace report was not provided. It is noted that the next Greenspace meeting is Thursday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m. at Bob and Sarah Rathbone's house.</p>	

**Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2009 @ 6:00 p.m. at United Bank, Midway. Mary T asked to be on the agenda next month to discuss building signs.**