

# Midway Renaissance Board Minutes

## June 24, 2008

**Members Present:** Joy Arnold, John McDaniel, Diana Queen, Sarah Rathbone, Dan Roller, Bart Shockley, Pam Thomas, Randy Thomas, Mary Thoreson

**Members Absent:** Mary Seeger, Tom Bozarth, Diana Ratliff

**Guests:** Marcie Christensen, Helen Rentch

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Taken/Needed
Minutes		Minutes from the May meeting were approved as submitted.
Treasurers Report	Bart presented a treasurer's report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bart reported that the Greenspace Account has a balance of \$964.59 Randy gave Bart a reimbursement check in the amount of \$1,197.50, which is the balance of the NiSource grant for Greenspace.</li> <li>• The Renaissance account has a balance of \$5,295.26 at the end of April. The balance at the end of May was \$5,345.26.</li> </ul>	John made a motion that the treasurer's report be accepted – seconded by John. Approved unanimously.
Manager Update	Randy reported that he talked to Mayor Bozarth today about the manager position. Randy noted that there was an advertisement in the Woodford Sun for the position the last two weeks. The deadline for applications is the 27 <sup>th</sup> of June. A few people have expressed interest. Mayor Bozarth reported that they plan on getting together on July 7 <sup>th</sup> regarding interviewing for the position. Although Rob Rumpke is no longer with the Chamber, he will be involved with the hiring process. Mayor Bozarth assured Randy that we would all get together to discuss the position and that the entities at the table will include the Heritage Council. Randy reported that Mayor Bozarth told Randy that the city and fiscal court attorneys had reviewed the inter-local agreement and are okay with it (the agreement was drafted by Phil Moloney, the Midway City attorney. The next step is for the agreement to go before the administrative bodies of the various governmental entities. Randy also reported that Mayor Bozarth told him that he had talked to Roger Stapleton with the Heritage Council regarding the status of Midway's certification if the agreement with Marcie expires at the end of June. Mayor Bozarth asked Roger if we have	

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	<p>90 days from the end of June to fill the position. Roger indicated that he didn't know the answer but would let Mayor Bozarth know.</p> <p>Marcie said that since the Renaissance Board determined that maintaining certification is important, that she would be willing to extend her agreement as necessary until we get a person in place.</p> <p>Pam asked if the board would be willing to approve extension of Marcie's agreement should that be necessary to maintain certification. There was no objection to extending the contract, although Mary T noted that we need to make sure that we fulfill any Heritage Council requirements.</p> <p>Dan asked whether the transient room tax, and whether any statewide transient room taxes that come to Woodford County would be used to support the position. Randy said that the details of the agreement are not known at this time, but that it is important for us to know this information.</p>	
Francisco's Farm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marcie provided a brief update of Francisco's Farm.</li> <li>• She reported that 5 or 6 banners were stolen this year.</li> <li>• On Sunday there will be debriefing meeting of the planning committee to discuss the festival and what can be done next year to improve the festival.</li> <li>• Marcie encouraged everyone to fill out a survey on line to provide feedback.</li> <li>• Marcie also encouraged everyone to vote for Francisco's Farm at americanstyle.com as one of the top three festivals.</li> <li>• It was noted that publicity for the festival was a lot better this year including the addition of WLEX as a TV partner. Francisco's Farm night at WUKY resulted in Francisco's Farm earning PSAs in addition to the 30 PSAs that the station gave us.</li> <li>• Pam reported that there were 157 volunteers this year, which is about 20 more than last year, and that the volunteer appreciation event will be on Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.</li> <li>• Mary reported business was good downtown on Saturday and Sunday. She said that she would prepare a survey for downtown businesses to see how the festival weekend was for them.</li> <li>• Dan reported that there were good comments on the</li> </ul>	

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	<p>music.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Marcie reported that all available lodging rooms at the college were full.</li> </ul>	
Greenspace Committee	<p>Next meeting is July 10<sup>th</sup> – Bill Penn will come to talk about history the meeting will be at 6:30 at Bob and Sarah's house. There will be a work day in the woods on Saturday. There is no word yet on the Safe Routes grant.</p>	
Main Street Committees Update	<p>Pam reported that she would send an e-mail to the Francisco's Farm mailing list to recruit volunteers for the committees.</p>	
Bicycle Giveaway Northside School	<p>Randy reported that the event occurred, that the drawing for the free bicycles was held and that it all went well.</p> <p>Pam told the board that she has prepared a summary of the project for the board and that the summary would be provided to them.</p>	
Suggested Renaissance Events for 2008 - Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Helen Rentch addressed the board about two events that she would like to propose to Renaissance. The first suggested event is a reunion for the people who attended African American school in Midway. Helen noted that there are not a lot of people still alive who attended the school, but she believes it would be a good gesture for the community to sponsor an event. The building that housed the school was the original Pilgrim Baptist Church.</li> <li>The second idea is for Renaissance to sponsor a Midway history night – An opportunity for the community to come together to see what has been collected regarding Midway's history. Helen mentioned several people who are interested in and have been collecting Midway history through the years. She mentioned the idea of a living history – having elderly residents of Midway talk about history and what they know.</li> </ul> <p><b>DISCUSSION:</b> John noted that Midway Renaissance might consider establishing a committee relating to historic preservation that could take the lead on this. He noted that there is \$20,000 available through the basketball fund to set up exhibits relating to history in Midway.</p> <p>Sarah said that last year Ouita Michael presented a Midway history event related to the Rouse family and Holly Hill Inn and it was a huge hit.</p> <p>Bart asked how many people there are that are still alive that</p>	<p>An exploratory committee consisting of . Randy, Joy, John and Helen will further explore these ideas. The exploratory committee will also try to recruit someone from the colored school to assist.</p> <p>Randy and Helen will make sure that progress is made.</p> <p>The exploratory committee will report back to the Board in August.</p>

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	<p>attended the Midway colored school. Helen said she wasn't sure.</p> <p>Randy suggested that Renaissance sponsor a one time event to get the history effort started. Randy said that he personally would like to work on this type of project. Helen agreed that she would take a leadership role in the effort, and Randy agreed to assist as well.</p>	
Website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Randy reported that we received a new bill from Black Cat for the website for the next year beginning in July of 2008 for \$360. There was some discussion about what was just paid and what we get out of it. Randy asked Bart to hold on to the invoice until some details can be worked out. Randy will ask for the city to pay for part of the fee for the website.</li> <li>Diana updated the board on the process currently being followed by the city regarding hearing from web designers who are offering to provide web services to the city.</li> </ul>	Randy will ask the city to share the cost of the web hosting fee.
Renaissance Bylaws	Pam asked the board about whether the board wants to still be a membership organization. The members of the organization should continue to vote on the board membership. It was also decided that Renaissance needs to recruit more members and that we need to increase our membership fees to make the membership more meaningful. We need to determine what people get out of being a member of Renaissance and to encourage people to join.	
<b>Renaissance Logo</b>	Pam provided the board with a copy of five logos that she and Marcie prepared. The board voted to approve logo 1 with "all aboard" rather than "get on board".(See attached)	

Randy noted that there are terms expiring for some members of the board. John McDaniel, Mary Thoreson and Diana Queen have terms that expire in August of 2008. He noted that John, Mary and Diana need to consider whether they want to continue serving on the Renaissance Board, and to let the board know whether they want to continue to serve. Dan Roller's term expires in February of 2009.

Next Meeting Date: Then next meeting will be July 15<sup>th</sup> at the Thoroughbred Theatre.