

Midway Renaissance Board Agenda

July 15, 2008

Members Present: Joy Arnold, Tom Bozarth, John McDaniel, Diana Queen, Diana Ratliff, Dan Roller, Pam Thomas, Randy Thomas, Mary Thoreson, Mary Weese

Members Absent: Sarah Rathbone, Bart Shockley

Guests: Marcie Christensen, Main Street Coordinator

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Taken/Needed
Minutes	Randy noted that minutes e-mailed to all board members last week.	John made a motion to accept the minutes and Diana seconded the motion. Minutes were accepted as presented.
Treasurers Report	<p>No treasurer's report was presented as Bart was not able to attend the meeting.</p> <p>Randy reported that the bank statements dated June 30 showed a balance in the Renaissance account of \$5,346.26, and a balance in the Greenspace account of \$964.59. Randy reported that a reimbursement check from Nysource will be added to the Greenspace account in the amount of approximately \$1,000.</p>	
Completion of Tax Returns	<p>Pam informed the board that Renaissance will be required to file tax returns this year due to the increased revenues from the addition of Francisco's Farm. Since the fiscal year ended June 30, the returns must be filed by October 15.</p> <p>John asked whether payment for the return could come out of Francisco's Farm revenue and Marcie reported that it could.</p>	<p>Pam will check on the cost of getting the returns prepared and will report back.</p> <p>Mary T will also check with her daughter who is a CPA.</p>
National Main Street Program Membership	Randy reported that Renaissance has received a bill from the Main Street (National Trust for Historic Preservation) organization for membership in the amount of \$250. Randy noted that it does not impact our certification from the state.	The board approved renewing the membership and Randy will ask Bart to pay the dues.
Mainstreet Training.	Randy reported that there was an e-mail from Becky Gorman indicating that they are not offering training credits for attending the Local Issues Conference. The Main Street Program will offer an opportunity to make up the credits at the Preservation Conference in Bardstown Sept 4-6. (2.5 points will be available). We already have 1 point and we need 3 points.	Mary T. and Joy indicated that they would be willing to attend if a manager is not in place by this conference.

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<p>Manager Update</p>	<p>Mayor Bozarth reported that the interested parties met earlier in the week to work out details on the interlocal agreement, and that a representative from Renaissance will be involved in the interview process. Rob Rumpke is still involved in the process and he will continue to be involved until the process is completed.</p> <p>Pam asked when the interlocal agreement will be considered by the Midway City Council. Mayor Bozarth said that the vote of the Midway City Council will probably not be until the beginning of August.</p> <p>Diana Q asked Mayor Bozarth how Renaissance projects and initiatives will come into play regarding use of the Main Street Manager's time – Mayor Bozarth said that the process will be developed collaboratively with all parties involved.</p> <p>Mayor Bozarth said that the position represents a great opportunity for a person to be available to help everyone.</p> <p>Randy thanked Marcie for stepping in to serve as the Main Street Manager during the interim. He noted that Marcie has been coordinating activities over the past month.</p>	
<p>Francisco's Farm Committee</p>	<p>Marcie distributed various documents relating to a recap from Francisco's Farm. (See attached documents) She noted that the value of in kind media support this year was in excess of \$30,000. Marcie also reported that the public art project barrel and the artist's panels from the gallery will go to the State Fair in the Woodford County Tourism booth. After the state fair, the barrel will go the visitor's center at Woodford Reserve and after that to the Bourbon Festival.</p> <p>Marcie noted that the information includes summaries from various surveys from artists, volunteers and visitors. Marcie reported that exhibitor sales were considerably higher this year. Marcie reported that the event did not have net positive revenue this year. On August 31, the checking and savings account will include a balance of approximately \$20,000.</p> <p>Marcie reported that she knows that 2009 will be a better year. She noted that there was \$7,000 less from the City and Renaissance and there were reduced sponsorships from other past sponsors this year, and that some expenses were beyond</p>	<p>Pam will prepare a draft agreement between Renaissance and the College for 2009 and should have it ready for review for the August meeting.</p>

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	<p>budgeted expenses.</p> <p>Marcie reported that for sales to be up at Francisco's Farm is unusual in this economy and counter to what she is hearing from art shows nationally, which are experiencing 30% decreases.</p> <p>Dan noted that one amenity that we are missing as a county is a hotel and that this may hurt us.</p> <p>Marcie reported that the dates are set for next year, which will be June 27th and 28th. Marcie also reported that from now on, Francisco's Farm will be the weekend after Father's Day.</p> <p>Pam reported that Dr. Drake would like to enter into another 1 year contract for next year, and that the college is happy with the terms of the agreement for the current year with a few changes (they want the Midway College line to be the same size as Francisco's Farm for the logo, and there may be provisions relating to alternative food services).</p> <p>Marcie reported that she will provide an overall summary of the event to the board by e-mail, and invited the board to e-mail any questions to her.</p>	
Greenspace Committee	<p>Randy reported that Greenspace has still not heard about the Safe Routes to School grant. He also reported that the city installed a fence on Northside Drive that looks very nice and will hopefully keep people from dumping in the quarry. Mayor Bozarth reported that the field will be seeded again in the fall. Randy noted that workdays will continue to be the first Saturday of the month.</p> <p>Randy reported that he and Bob Rathbone have cleared the trails. He noted that we need to sponsor activities that get people in the woods so they know the trails are there.</p> <p>Mayor Bozarth mentioned the possibility of a community work day in the fall at the woods. Mary W mentioned the possibility of having the Northside kids involved in the project as well.</p> <p>Randy reported that the Greenspace Committee also discussed the promotion of rain gardens and Greenspace offering a presentation about rain gardens for interested Midway residents.</p>	

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Organization Committee	<p>Pam reported that the call for volunteers has been e-mailed to the Francisco's Farm volunteer e-mail list and that the response has not been very good.</p> <p>She reported that Dean Langdon, Cecelia Gass, Shirley Eckels, Laurel Christensen, and Karen Gray have expressed interest in helping with the Francisco's Farm committee, and that Peg Johnson has expressed interest in serving on the Promotion Committee.</p> <p>Pam also suggested that the board may want to consider reducing the number of committees to match the manpower available if we do not get additional people ready and willing to volunteer at this time. She suggested that this be a topic for our agenda next month.</p>	Add committee structure to the agenda for the August meeting.
Design Committee	No report was provided.	
Promotion Committee	No report was provided.	
Economic Restructuring Committee	No report was provided.	
Midway Living History Committee	<p>Randy reported that there are two distinct projects that are being discussed – A reunion for the people who attended the Midway Colored school; and A Midway history night.</p> <p>There was a meeting last Tuesday coordinated by Marcie that several people attended to discuss these ideas and to begin to develop a plan for these initiatives.</p> <p>It was suggested to possibly combine the History night with the Renaissance membership meeting.</p> <p>Diana reported that the Heritage Council has annual grants to do oral histories in communities.</p> <p>Several Board members asked to be notified when this committee will meet again.</p>	Randy will notify the board when the next meeting of this committee is scheduled.
2008 Membership Meeting	Pam reported that the current by-laws require the membership meeting to be in September, however it was decided that it will work better to have the Membership meeting in October for planning purposes, Also, once the Amended Articles of Incorporation are approved by the board, they must be adopted by the membership, and we also need to offer nominations for	This item will be discussed in greater detail at the August meeting.

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Website	the board, if any. Renaissance owes \$360 for the website hosting fee. Randy asked Mayor Bozarth whether the city would be willing to share the cost of the website, and whether he should make a proposal to the Council. Mayor Bozarth said that the city is going to develop its own website, but for the meantime, the current website will be maintained. With regard to the domain name, which Renaissance currently owns (Midwayky.net), it was determined that the city should have that domain name. Mayor Bozarth said that the City will pay the bill if it assumes the domain name.	Randy will provide the bill for the domain name to Diane and will e-mail Mike to inform him to transfer the domain name to the city.
Renaissance Governing Documents * Bylaws * Restated Articles	Pam noted that she e-mailed the restated articles to board members prior to the meeting and hard copies were provided at the meeting as well. No concerns were expressed about the restated articles as presented.	Pam will prepare draft by-laws for the board to consider at the August meeting.
Proposed Change to Board Meeting Dates	A suggestion was made to move the board meetings to the third Tuesday of each month.	The Board approved moving the Renaissance Board meeting from the fourth to the third Tuesday of each month beginning in August.

Joy reported that on October 4th, the Baptist Church is doing a “mission day” in Midway and asked that if anyone knows of any shut-ins or individuals who need assistance with small projects to let her know. Randy noted that October 4th is a regular Greenspace work day and Joy said that some of the church volunteers may assist in that effort.

Next Meeting Date: August 19th at the Thoroughbred Theatre.

Remaining meeting dates for the year: Sept 16th, October 21st, November 18th, and December 16th.