

Midway Renaissance Board Minutes

August 19, 2008

Members Present: Sarah Rathbone, John McDaniel, Dan Roller, Diana Queen, Sarah Rathbone, Joy Arnold, Pam Thomas, Randy Thomas, Tom Bozarth

Members Absent: Mary Thoreson, Mary Weese, Diana Ratliff

Guests: Marcie Christensen

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Taken/Needed
Minutes	No discussion.	John moved, Diana seconded approval. Motion passed.
Treasurers Report	Randy provided members with balance statements for Renaissance (\$5,345.26) and Greenspace (\$964.59) as of July 31, 2008. Randy noted that the Greenspace account does not yet include NiSource reimbursement of approximately \$1,100.	Joy move, Diana seconded approval of the report. Motion passed.
Completion of Tax Returns	Pam reported that John Scott, who is a CPA who works with her volunteered to prepare the 990's for Renaissance on a pro bono basis. Pam moved that John Scott's offer to prepare the returns pro bono be accepted. The motion was seconded by Sarah and unanimously approved.	Marcie and Pam will work with John to get him the information he needs.
Board Vacancies	<p>Randy reported that Bart resigned from the board effective the date of his resignation. Pam has agreed to fill in as treasurer temporarily, but someone else is needed to take over that function.</p> <p>Diana Queen and John McDaniel both said that they will not submit their names for an additional term, but that they want to remain involved. Randy thanked them both for their service.</p> <p>Randy asked whether there was any interest in filling Bart's position before the meeting. The bylaws allow the board to fill vacancies caused by resignations. John suggested that the vacancy created by Bart's resignation should not be filled until the membership meeting so that more people will be involved in making the decision.</p>	<p>Board members will work on publicizing the opportunity to serve on the board.</p> <p>John made a motion that the vacancy caused by Bart's resignation should be filled at the membership meeting. Dan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.</p>
Manager Update	Mayor Bozarth reported that there is no new news to report as of today regarding the manager position, and that there would not	

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	<p>be any action until after September 2nd. Dan asked when the agreement would be available for people to review. Mayor Bozarth reported that the agreement will come before the council first and that it should be considered the second meeting in September.</p>	
Main Street Program Update	<p>The board had a general discussion about the future of the board and what role the board wants to play in the community.</p> <p>John noted that the communication has been better this year among the board than it has in the past 4 years.</p> <p>Joy cautioned the group to be careful not to take any action that would prevent the board from qualifying for state funding should funding become available in the future.</p> <p>Mayor Bozarth noted that the Main Street Program has changed and that there is no money available. Midway's problem, being a small city, is how much can be devoted to hiring someone on a part time basis. The concept of hiring someone in conjunction with the County and Versailles is to pool resources to hire someone full time so that a person with better qualifications can be hired. Mayor Bozarth noted that this is an opportunity for Renaissance to shine, and to take a leadership role in working with other entities in the county.</p> <p>Mayor Bozarth reported that Heritage Council employees told him that we would have 90 days to hire a new Main Street Manager beginning at the end of August for us to retain our Main Street certification.</p> <p>John McDaniel and Joy Arnold will be attending the Historic Preservation conference in Bardstown, which will fulfill the education requirements for the Main Street program.</p>	
Francisco's Farm Committee	<p>Marcie reported on the proposed contract with the college and reviewed the changes from the agreement from last year. Pam distributed a copy of the college agreement showing changes marked from last year. Pam made a motion to approve the proposed agreement with the college. John seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.</p> <p>The other contracts for consideration by the board relating to Francisco's Farm are the Event Coordinator Agreement and the Marketing Director Agreement. Copies of these documents were</p>	<p>Pam will check with Sarah Wilson about adding info about Francisco's Farm to the college event calendar.</p>

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	<p>e-mailed to board members previously. Marcie explained that she split out the advertising and web management functions into a separate agreement with her company (Compassroseworks) because these expenses may be reimbursed through the state tourism entity.</p> <p>Pam made a motion based upon a recommendation from the Francisco's Farm planning committee that Marcie be provided a bonus of \$1,000 for her work on the Festival for 2008. Dan seconded the motion. Dan noted that Marcie has filled in as Main Street Manager and that this should be considered as well.</p> <p>Pam reported that the recommendation of the planning committee is to accept Marcie's proposals to be both the Event Coordinator and to provide Marketing Services and made a motion for the proposals to be accepted as presented. Prior to passage, Dan suggested that the contract be amended to provide mileage reimbursement at the IRS rate and it was unanimously agreed that the contract should include the IRS rate for mileage.</p>	<p>The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>The motion passed unanimously.</p>
Greenspace Committee	No discussion.	
Organization Committee	No discussion.	
Design Committee	No discussion.	
Promotion Committee	No discussion.	
Economic Restructuring Committee	No discussion.	
Midway Living History Committee	<p>Marcie and John discussed the most recent meeting of community members of the Midway Living History Committee (August 7, 2008). Members were provided (prior to the meeting) with a meeting summary. This Committee is focused on two separate, but related, projects. One is Midway History Night that will present an opportunity for the community to learn about Midway's rich history from a variety of perspectives (e.g. railroad, horse farms, African-American community, churches, etc.). The other project is a reunion for those (and their families) attending the former 'Midway Colored School.'</p>	<p>Midway History Night will be held in conjunction with Midway Renaissance' annual membership meeting October 25, 2008 at the Thoroughbred Theater.</p>
2008 Membership Meeting	It was decided that the annual membership meeting will be held on Saturday, October 25 th at the Thoroughbred Theater	
Website	Dan asked about the business directory on the website, and noted that it is not up to date. Marcie said that she sent an updated list to Michael (the webmaster). Mayor Bozarth suggested that Marcie also provide the business directory to Diane at city hall.	

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Renaissance Governing Documents * Bylaws * Restated Articles	Pam distributed a draft of revised by-laws for the board members to consider for discussion at a later meeting. The goal is to have the restated articles of incorporation approved by the Membership at the October membership meeting, after which the Renaissance Board will discuss, amend and approve new by-laws.	

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 16, 2008, 6:00 p.m. at Thoroughbred Theater