



Minutes

Riverfront Alliance of Delaware County Board of Directors Meeting December 14, 2017 – 8:00 a.m.

The following members were present:

Dr. Julie Wollman; Chris Albrecht; Dr. Joy Gates Black; Steven Fischer; Rocco Imperatrice; Steve Johnson; Robert Judge; Jerry Miller; Dan Murphy; Brett Roe

The following members were absent:

Patrick Gavin; Adam Kaliner; Patrick Killian; Joe McGinn; Michele Needham; Vince Del Rossi; Thomas Shoemaker; Jeffrey Warmann; Robert Willert

Call to Order

Acting Chair Dr. Julie Wollman called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. affirming that a quorum was present.

Minutes

A **MOTION** was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the September 14, 2017 meeting. Motion adopted as presented.

Election of 2018 Officers

Dr. Wollman noted that the directors and officers have been approved by the executive committee, and can move forward to the board for adoption.

A **MOTION** was made and seconded to approve the 2018 directors, including those members not in attendance. The motion was amended to include Jerry Parker. Motion adopted as amended.

A **MOTION** was made and seconded to approve the 2018 slate of officers. Motion adopted as presented.

Finance Report

Jerry Miller reported that the Alliance lost the Delaware County Commerce Department as a member. The two major expenses since the last report were a donation of \$14,000 to the Delaware County District Attorney to support State police coverage over the summer months, and the association management fee with AIM. A **MOTION** was made and seconded to approve the financial report as presented. Motion adopted as presented.

Service Contract

Dr. Wollman asked the board to authorize the executive committee to enter into a management contract on behalf of the board. Members noted that the contract needs additional accountability regarding AIM deliverables. A **MOTION** was made and seconded to authorize the executive committee to enter into a management contract. Motion adopted as presented.

Membership Committee

Dr. Wollman reported that the committee is working on recruiting new members and is confident of adding two new members before the end of the year. She encouraged board members to conduct outreach. Power Homes Remodeling has taken on development of a membership brochure, with the intent to approve at the next meeting.

Safety Committee

Lisa Gaffney indicated that the committee has not met since the last meeting but is working on a variety of public service projects. She noted that the Alliance has received a reimburseable grant from the PA Commission on Crime for 20 cameras. Widener University has agreed to lend the Alliance money as a promissory note. A **MOTION** was made and seconded to enter into a promissory note with Widener for the purchase of cameras. Motion adopted as presented.

Employer Assisted Housing Committee

Lisa Gaffney reported that up to \$500 can now be used for a home warranty, and rehab funding has been increased from \$1,000 to \$3,000 for exterior repairs. The Alliance plans to increase outreach to employers and will meet with the Suburban West Realtors® Association to help with marketing.

Executive Director Report

Mike McGee, former executive director, introduced new staff for the Alliance, including Jennifer Shockley as executive director and Leah Krnjaic as chief operating officer for AIM.

Legal Report

Rocco Imperatrice noted that Alliance bylaws were amended recently to allow for broader membership.

Chester City Update

Lisa Gaffney provided a report from Mayor Kirkland. The Candlewood Suites Hotel is expected to be completed in June 2018. The city is working with an established developer on the Deshong site that will include a mix of commercial, retail and possibly residential development. The Chester Housing Authority project includes vacant land that could complement the emerging arts district with a primary focus on commercial development office space.

Chester City Storm Water Authority Update

The group discussed whether the Alliance could take a stand on the issue, but noted that the Alliance does not own property so would not be able to provide comment.

Planning for 2018

The group discussed creating a value proposition to encourage members to join and grow the organization, as well as a strategy of small and large businesses working together to become more involved in development.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Jennifer Shockley
Executive Director