

MINUTES BOD MEETING 1/07/2019

Members present

- Bob Ray
 - Dan Pistor
 - Jonathan Andrus
 - James Page
 - Mike Willis
 - Brenton Brown
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- **Called to Order: 6:15pm**
 - **Treasurer's Report: James Page.**

James distributes documents for discussion- Final tally for Taste after all is said and done is: \$11,871.35 (Final Tally) Cardinal's baseball. To his knowledge, DNA made money for the very 1st time. \$735.00. James discusses some ideas to negotiate a better deal this year. SPARK- Net was \$5,318.97. Discussion. What went well and what did not. Issue. Donation of \$5,000 was the only reason we made money. Event itself went off great but we didn't meet goals in sponsorship or earn enough from the silent auction. 50 advance tickets sales. Too many comped tickets. Holiday Party. Holiday Party- Deal on the holiday party was, if we were going to do SPARK, the SPARK committee didn't want all the money raised simply to pay for the holiday party. The holiday party costs us \$1,182.75. What really helped us was the raffle and donations. \$814.00 in raffle and donations. Raffle prize discussion. Discussion of the costs related to SPARK. Bartenders were the biggest expense. Insurance and some alcohol. Jonathon- we should know that we need to set aside \$1,000 for the event next year. Bob- housekeeping as secretary- we need to post the minutes and the treasurers report online. Discussion set up process for next board.

Bob moves Approval of the Treasurers report. Brenton 2nds- passes

Minutes- Motion by Mike Dan 2nd Passes

Elections- James- small business. No small businesses are currently running. This is a 1st. Discussion of current membership. All restaurants from Taste are currently members. Membership list has been consolidated and all have been contacted with information about the election and processes. Discussion of the metrics of qualifying small businesses for membership. Jonathon – some history about which business were refunded membership and offered other categories of membership. Residents- current list is 813 confirmed. We have 9 residential candidates. **Discussion with James about running again.** Everyone likes James. Discussion about proxies. Discussion about bylaw amendments. They will all be separate. Discussion about the

membership lists current verified and the old list. Process for checking people in. Discussion about providing a way for candidates to address the membership. Speaking time. Time in lobby to address people. Discussion of the process so far. Membership cutoff Dec. 31st etc. Today is the cutoff for candidates. Discussion about listing the bylaw amendments separately so each amendment change can be voted for individually. Discussion about proxies and absentee ballots.

Good Neighborhood Agreements (GNA)

New Retail GNA. Dan- We deleted things that were restaurant related only and added things more specific to retail stores. Patio related issues. Panhandling and small single sales. Discussion of single sales- no less than a certain ML amount. Discussion about the difference between large single craft beer and pints of liquor and how to write it in the agreement.

Discussion about GNA and what DNA's role should or should not be in this process. Bob- I don't think DNA should be in the business of regulating bars and restaurants. We should be in the business of going to the excise and saying "we want these rules and regulations in the code for everyone in the CID" Dan- the program we are trying to do here... we've already had some initial conversation with excise. We had a conversation with Joe Kelly. We need a conversation with Hurley and Hurley. That is the framework we are working from now and we have not approached the existing license holders. The issue here is asking new bars and restaurants to be held to a different and higher standard than existing businesses. Discussion about reaching out to everyone. Bob- the only way to level the playing field is to change the rules in the CID so everyone operates under the same rules. Ball Park village, Culinaria included. We will never get that by asking them to voluntarily sign our GNA agreements. The only way to do this is to go to our Alderman and the Excise commission and get them to put the rules in the CID that we have in this document. That would mean that whenever anyone gets their license or renews Jonathon- In the Central West End, if you want a license you go to the Alderman and they send you to the neighborhood association first or they will not sign off. Bob- that's true. Dan – we can try that. Bob- Tammika won't care... Dan- she won't respond. Jonathon- Thing is instead of doing what we've been doing. We need to meet with some alderman and see if they'll back our play. Unless every bar and restaurant is on the same playing field, we are playing favorites with the people that are not. As of now, we are giving people that don't work with us an advantage. Dan- is it 100% fair? You can walk all the way down Washington Ave and almost everyone is a good neighbor. Even though they don't have a written agreement, they are in compliance. Bob- again- I don't think the DNA should be in the business of policing bars and restaurants. Dan – we don't. Bob we do. That is what we are talking about. When we do these agreements we become an active party. What is important is that we not be

perceived as a villain unless we have to say, Hey- you're not following the law and contact the excise commission to talk about them NOT doing whatever it is they are doing. When we come to newly opening businesses and say hi we want you to sign these additional rules and regulations, it sometimes casts a negative light on us. I believe it would be better to get all these rules and regulations on the books and have everyone treated equally and also not have to be the guy that is knocking on their door attempting to get them to add rules to the existing ordinances. Our goal is to get these rules onto all the liquor licenses. Jonathon-that is how I feel about it. Top down approach rather than the bottom up approach. Brenton- I think the retail agreement is fine and I agree it's a confusing mess with a few out of compliance and others acting responsible. Not everyone has one. Dan- are we ok to adopt this agreement and then have a conversation with the excise commission and the alderman. Bob- Souldard has a rules. We should talk to Jack about what they are doing there. The excise commissioner could likely make signing the agreement part of the process. Jonathon- I have no issues with the document. I do have issues with the process we are using and the outcomes. Bob- it is not equal. I used to get frustrated about mardi gras when Culinaria sold packaged liquor in violation of the excise commission my business followed the law. \

Jonathon- I'm going to move that we approve this document but with the provided that we do not take this to new businesses but instead take this and the other GNA to Jack Coatar and the excise commissioner and ask to make them part of the process.

Dan- in the mean time we have GNA's in process that we should continue with.

Jonathon- Honestly, I don't think we should keep sticking our nose in this when we are not mediating.

Dan- we have mediated. We went to Bobby's and others.

Jonathon- Let's take this to our Alderman and get a commitment to have these signed by every business as part of the process or something liked that. We need a process to have these rules followed by every business in the CID. We should be taking these to the excise and telling them that these are the rules we want in the CID. That way we don't look like jerks when going into new businesses asking them to sign extra rules that existing businesses don't.

Brenton- I think that's right. Obviously the reputation of the organization is a ig part of this to.

Jonathon- I move we table the GNA program until we get the rules into the liquor licenses of everyone.

Bob- I don't think we need a motion. I think we just need to set up the meetings with DSI, the alderman and Excise.

Committee agrees.

Dan- I'd like to continue with what we are doing until we get this this resolved. Bob- I don't see a problem with continuing with what you are doing while we work this out.

Brenton- I think the conversations with new businesses are fine but we should recognize that we have no authority. That authority rests with excise. We should be more of an ambassador to help them and to let then know what the neighborhood needs. Let's be a resources instead and let the excise do their job.

Bob- Let's get an e-mail together with DSI, Jack and Excise with some of the points we've made here and see about a meeting to hash this out.

Jonathon- I am comfortable with that.

TASTE - Bob goes over TASTE PUNCH LIST.

Logistics- Time and Place- Volunteers. Should we contact out.

Octoberfest- Jared has asked that we support his event.

Committee Agrees.

Meeting Adjourned 7:45pm