

**RRIC Board of Trustee Meeting
December 7, 2017
Empress Diner
13-48 River Road**

Minutes

Attendance: Trustees in attendance were Kellerman, Landzettel, Levine, Melissas, Noorigian, Pace, Wrubel, Van Kruiningen and Peluso (9).

Unable to Attend: Cummings and Reynoso (2)

Staff in attendance: Smartt, Vitrano and Tarantula

Call to Order – 10:10 am

Rich Noorigian noted the passing of past board member Irv Kleinberg.

Administration

Minutes

The following Minutes were reviewed and approved as presented:

- Minutes of the November 2, 2017 and October 5, 2017 Executive Committee Meeting
- Minutes of the September 7, 2017 Board of Trustee Meeting

Rich Noorigian noted that Rick Kellerman was presented with a plaque commemorating his long service to the RRIC at the November 2nd meeting and again expressed the gratitude of the Board of Trustees. Stuart Pace was welcomed as the new Treasurer effective January 1, 2018. Stuart is working with Rick Kellerman and Rich Davis from RRIC to accomplish the transfer of RRIC bank account from Columbia Bank to Community Bank of Bergen County.

Financial

December 7, 2017 Voucher Register & Financial Statement

The Financial Statement and Voucher Register were reviewed and approved as presented

The 2018 RRIC Budget was accepted. 2018 RRIC Meeting Calendar was accepted.

Meeting with Fair Lawn Chamber of Commerce was reported on by Rich Noorigian and Don Smartt. Rich Noorigian noted that the money to be allocated to the Chamber has not been confirmed yet, the conversation will be ongoing. He also reported that there will be a Chamber of Commerce meeting on December 11, 2017 to discuss further.

Infrastructure/Operations/Maintenance of the District

Infrastructure . Rich Noorigian reiterated the new direction of RRIC to now focus on infrastructure improvement rather than marketing. The membership of RRIC has agreed that this new goal will better serve the district with the lone exception of Arthur Levine who has taken a “wait and see” attitude. Discussions will be ongoing.

Paver and Bench Maintenance Update. Rich Noorigian reported that the first phase of paver repair and maintenance has been completed and has been a great improvement in the functionality/appearance of the areas done. The work will be continued in the spring and summer to complete other areas identified as being in need of power washing and repair.

Rich noted that a survey of benches will be undertaken to determine if additional benches are needed or if some should be replaced. Benches are privately owned but there was discussion about RRIC replacing at their own cost. Jim Van Kruiningen has agreed to provide the contact and pricing information for the company used by the Borough as well as method used to secure benches in place. He will move some if survey reveals a need.

Landscaping/Tree Well Survey-Disposition/Planter Recommendation. Rich Noorigian and Don Smartt again reported the Borough's commitment to water the planned upgraded plantings. Pricing information for additional/colorful plantings is being obtained with a goal of installation in spring and summer to create a more beautiful district. They also reported that a survey of tree wells has been completed and work will begin in the spring/summer to complete that project.

Paving/Re-striping/Pedestrian Safety Plan, 2018. Rich Noorigian and Don Smartt reported that the Borough is in discussion with the County to undertake a paving project on River Road and Fair Lawn Avenue. Don Smartt will be working with the county to discuss when RRIC might do striping to push the project along. An inventory of parking spaces will be undertaken to enhance pedestrian safety.

Business Recruitment/Strengthening/Marketing

- **New Business Openings** – Noorigian noted the opening of Just in Time Spa at 14-12 River Road
- **Holiday Painting Update** – Vitrano reported that the Holiday Window Painting has been completed with a 10% increase in participation

Development/Redevelopment – Subcommittee/Smartt

TD Bank Property, 16-00 River Road – Coremark Neighborhood Meeting

Smartt reported that the Neighborhood Meeting occurred on November 16th at the American Legion on River Road. The meeting was attended by approximately 16 neighbors who voiced concerns and asked questions which the architect and developer of the project were able to answer clearly and concisely. Smartt has also reported that there will be an “on-line protest” mounted by the detractors of the project.

Zoning Recommendations Remaining for Borough Consideration & Trawinski – Update

Planning Board has accepted the recommendations with the exception of a telecommunications tower. Has to go to Council. Pathmark is waiting until after January.

Meeting with new council representatives/with State Senator Bob Gordon

Date to be determined. Don Smartt to brief the Council on the role of RRIC, BIC, EDC, Chamber, etc.

Other Business

Smartt reported that the BIC will join the RRIC on the FLEDC with 4 members and one alternate. Smartt will send names of members from BIC and RRIC to the Borough.

FLEDC meeting attended by Noorigian, Wrubel, Landzettel and Levine. Meeting was well attended, no concrete direction discussed. Tabled discussion on Excelogene (sp?). Committee to do a search for a part-time director to keep things on track. Joe Tedeski changing representative? More than 4?

Meeting Schedule

Executive Committee Meeting: Thursday, January 4, 2018 at 10:00 A.M. at Community Bank of Bergen County

Board of Trustee/Annual Meeting: Thursday February 4, 2018 at 10:00 A.M. at Community Bank of Bergen County

Adjournment

The committee meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Smartt, Administrator