

Manassas Old Town Business Association

General Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2018

Meeting Called to Order by President Joanne Wunderly

Introductions followed of those in attendance

Approval of Minutes: Motion approved

Treasurer's Report: Nury Mena: Current Balance as of 8/31/18 \$8,896.20

Brief Announcements:

Reports:

HMI: Appreciate the support for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Roof top Party. The Visitor's Center is going well. Next up: Bands, Brews and BBQ on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

Manassas Museum: New exhibit of interest to Manassas Businesses—a look at the past to the future exhibit and collections. Ex: Hibbs and Gidding Building and its history. We (current businesses) will be featured as modern businesses.

Center for the Arts: Beverly Hess reported on the upcoming exhibit, camps, summer sounds concerts—loved this past Saturday's band, Roof top Prod—tickets are now online. Coming soon and back by popular demand: *Mystery Dinner Theatre—Murder on the Menu*--a Food Network theme and *Godspell*, the 2012 version, not the 1960's version.

Harris Pavilion: Not present, no report

Welcome Center: Very Busy at the center. Shops and Restaurants are encouraged to drop off Rack Cards, business cards or any promotional literature. New item: Hurricane Evacuation bags.

Hylton Center: Susan Landis reported on the summer Camps—1<sup>st</sup> Student show was fantastic, "Will Ackerman" in October. Ads in Playbill reach about 24,000 people and for a small business and for a small ad would cost \$190.

Manassas City Fire Chief: Not present, no report

Manassas City Police: Steve reported 19 students in camp this summer, 6 new recruits will be ready by late summer and 6 have already been released for service. "Cookies for Rookies" a big hit and lots of fun! July 4<sup>th</sup> boasted the best traffic and fastest exit from downtown in 20 to 25 minutes.

Manassas City Government: Pat Pate very complimentary on the 4<sup>th</sup> and so happy with the turn-outs at First Friday's, reminder that Community Conversations are really help for 20 to 30 year input and planning.

Guest Speakers:

Matt Arcieri, Manassas City Planning and Zoning Manager

Kelly Davis, Senior Planner

Members of City staff led the table discussions and we found these to be most helpful in the sharing ideas. The following were our guidelines

- ~ Share your voice. Shape your city
- ~ Comprehensive Plan—not about land use but zoning regulation
- ~ Downtown Sector Plan—an Old Town with a New Attitude
- ~ 1<sup>st</sup> round high-level topics/ 2<sup>nd</sup> round specific topic

50/50 Raffle: no raffle at this meeting

Meeting concluded at: 10:30 a.m.