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**Annapolis Business Association
General Membership Meeting
July 19, 2005**

Minutes

Bobbi called meeting called to order at 8:05 a.m.

Introductions. Welcome to new members.

Judy read June GMM minutes into the record. Revised and approved.

George has lost 25 pounds...\$7068 is raised to date for flowers. September 20th is the final weigh in. Congratulations George...and THANK YOU!

Taste Buds update...Erik Ruden is confirming with Chet Gladchuk today. Taste Buds is Tuesday, October 25th at NMCS. Parking will be free. It's a beautiful room and a great event. Next TB meeting is tomorrow (Wednesday), 6pm at Harry Browne's. Please feel to join us. Jason from Homestead Gardens presented some ideas for the poster. Promote that all the proceeds go to underwrite the flower project. Also highlight that beer and wine is included in your ticket price.

Treasurer's report...assets \$35262...liabilities \$12038 (due to Homestead and P&S)...ytd we're (\$6000). Taste Buds essentially pays for the Homestead Bill for the year, which is roughly \$55,000 Summer and \$15,000 Holiday. \$20,000 from the City is still outstanding. Please send in dues if you haven't already done so...make it payable to ABA, \$150.

Chance needs photos of members businesses to include on the website. All creative input is welcome. See Chance or Elvia with your suggestions and ideas. Please check your listing and make sure your information is up to date.

We welcome new faces and encourage you to join a committee. Elections for the next 2 year term will take place later this year.

Chance requests all members be present at the City Council meeting Monday night. Parking will be on the bill. A vocal group of residents is petitioning that parking be converted to "resident only" from 6p-8am. This will not solve the parking problems in the city...it will create new ones. No visitors, guests or shoppers would be able to park downtown. This is very important. Please come to the meeting and express your opinion. We must work together to prevent this from moving forward. The Parking committee has spoken with a group from Charleston, South

Carolina, where there is a good program in place. They will also meet with representatives from Montgomery County (they use the GPS system for ticketing). Thanks to Chance, Bruce and Larry for all the time they have put into this project.

New Business:

Jan Hardesty joined us. She spoke about the Navy Home Game, September 10th.

The Brigade of Midshipmen will parade up Main Street to the stadium. Please plan accordingly and use this event to your advantage. The N* flags will be up for all home games. Please display Navy flags from your business to add to the excitement...Brigade flags are sold at Peppers on Main Street for \$15.

“Fear the goat” posters are available at City Hall. Jan suggests the ABA plan some additional events to coincide. Perhaps we approach Anthony Manganaro about the use of the lot.

Brandy from Annapolis Transit invited restaurant workers to attend one of three meetings on August 22... 10am, 1pm and 5pm... these are parking briefings for restaurant employees. There is a free shuttle running throughout the day...last one at 8pm. They are requesting hospitality workers use the parking at NMCS and take the shuttle downtown, especially during boat show. If you know anyone who works the day shift, they may be interested in attending.

No August meeting...see you in September! Meeting adjourned