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**Annapolis Business Association
General Membership Meeting
May 16, 2006
Harry Browne's**

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:16 p.m.

Old Business

- Reading/approval of April meeting minutes – J. Buddensick

There was no reading or approval of the July minutes due to the absence of the secretary. Minutes will be posted on the website and comments can be sent to info@annapolisbusinessassoc.com.

- Financial report – C. Walgran

Scott Gardiner was not able to make the meeting but provided updated financial reports, which were presented by C. Walgran. We have \$27,418.37 in the bank and \$6000.00 in dues not paid. Two bills are unpaid totaling \$2870.00. In calendar year 2005 we reported a net income of minus \$9,439.13. To date in 2006 on a cash accounting basis we have a net income of \$3,369.41.

- Taste Buds – P. Finlay

We are looking for a site to host 2006 Taste Buds this October. Erin Brunst has volunteered to coordinate the restaurants again this year. Pam Finlay will handle promotion and PR. Chance Walgran will handle ticket sales again. Paula Duggin from *What's Up* magazine volunteered to serve as co-chairperson

- New Brochure – M.J. Robey

We are working with Jason Simko on design and development of the new brochure. Updated member list from all business associations have been given to Jason and we are waiting for a count of businesses from the City. You must be a paid member of one of the business associations to have a complete listing in the new brochure. We hope to have the brochure on the street by July.



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- Park & Shop – C. Walgran

P&S continues to grow and is being promoted by both the City and CVB.

- Valet Parking Service – S. Reese

Suzanne Reese from Towne Park was present to discuss the Valet Parking Service. TP will begin valet parking again on Friday, May 19. Service will be available Friday, Saturday and Sunday. There is a new merchant program to validate valet parking tickets. Info on the program is available from TP by contacting Suzanne at sreese@townepark.com. The ABA is encouraging all our members who will benefit from the service to participate.

- Flower Program – P. Finlay

The flowers should start to appear this week. We have included the Spa Creek Bridge this year, which is being funded by sponsorship. Expense for the program this year is over \$51,000.00.

- Parking Committee report – C. Walgran

There will be a public meeting on parking issues in City Council Chambers on Wednesday, June 21. The primary agenda item is the abandon vehicle issue. However other topics will be discussed and an agenda will be distributed prior to the meeting.

- Membership report – B. Hobson

We currently have 127 members of which 38 have not paid dues for 2006. Bobbi Hobson and Chance Walgran will be make phone calls and sending e-mails to collect unpaid dues. The following members have dues outstanding: 1st Mariner Bank, 49 West, A.L. Goodies, ala Mode, Alpaca International, Avoca, Bank Annapolis, Brassel & Baldwin, Buddy's Crabs, Capuco Consulting, Chick & Ruth's, Coldwell Banker, Discover Annapolis, Easy Street, El Toro Bravo, Embassy Opticians, Galway Bay, Garden Architects, Gotta Run, Historic Annapolis Foundation, Jerome Parks, La Petite Gallerie, Lily Pure and Simple, Linen's of London, Luna Blu, Long and Foster, Madeline, Merrill Lynch, Middleton Tavern, Optima Real Estate, Peppers, Precise Title, Ron George, Snyder's, Sun Trust, The Leader, Tiffany's, and Watermark.



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- Downtown Construction Update – M.J. Robey

No new information. We will be experiencing several construction projects including the building damaged by fire and the empty lot on Main Street this summer. We are looking to Mike Miron from the City for more information.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

The next ABA meeting will be June 20, 6:15 p.m. at Harry Browne's. Please make an effort to attend. Also we need volunteers to serve on committees for Taste Buds; if you're interested please contact Mary Jo Robey (mjrobey@visitannapolis.org).