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**Annapolis Business Association
General Membership Meeting
May 15, 2007
Harry Browne's**

Minutes

Welcome by Clare Vanderbeek at 6:20 p.m. at Harry Browne's restaurant.

Clare introduced herself as the new Executive Director and outlined for the members the scope of work of her new position.

Daniele Maitland of the City Transportation Department. informed us of programs the city is promoting as an alternative to driving to work. Detailed information is available on the City's website.

City is trying various programs – loaning bikes to residents or visitors to encourage exploration of the city, encouraging use of scooters and electric bikes.

She mentioned the Free Fare Zone available at every bus stop from West Street circle to Eastport Bridge which includes Knighton and Gotts garages and Academy stadium parking. This is intended as a supplement to the existing shuttle service.

There was discussion of ways to get this info out to residents and visitors.

A major goal of the city is to support businesses and make city more attractive to visitors.

Flower Program

ABA has asked the city to match the \$30,000 that the ABA is contributing for the flowers. Members made comments at the city council meeting on May 14th and the vote by the council will be on May 21st. ABA is hopeful of having enough votes to get this into the budget.

Membership

All members in attendance were asked to introduce themselves. New member Ed Mullen from The Royal Folly B&B on College Avenue was welcomed.



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Clare mentioned the new initiative for a Member get a Member program. Details to follow from Clare.

TasteBuds

No date set as yet for our major fundraiser, TasteBuds. Bruce Chance who has volunteered to chair this event will contact Loews to see what dates are available. The chairmen of various areas are: Erin Brunst - restaurants; Judy Buddensick – entertainment, Chance Walgran – ticket sales, Pam Finlay – sponsorship, Liz Hall - auction.

Brochure

Judy has a third quote for printing the brochures. We need to have a proofing party to do a final proof of the info. The total cost of the brochure will be shared with the other business associations – how this will be done is to be determined.

New Business

Clare would like members' input. Members present volunteered that business has been slow to pick up this Spring. These comments came from a bed & breakfast as well as a Market House merchant.

Clare also asked for any events that should be posted in the ABA calendar on line.

Representatives from each of the associations – Eastport, West Street, Maryland Avenue / State Circle, West Annapolis and the ABA plan to meet on May 30th to foster good relationship and assist each other in promoting business.

Meeting ended at 7 p.m.

--Judy Buddensick