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**Annapolis Business Association  
General Membership Meeting  
September 19, 2006  
Harry Browne's**

**Minutes**

Mary Jo called meeting called to order at 6:15 p.m.

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation walk-a-thon thru downtown Annapolis coming up in October. 10am, starts at Navy Marine Corps stadium, down Rowe, to Church Circle to City Dock and back up to the stadium. There will be post walk activities. They are asking businesses to sponsor their walk by offering discounts to participants. No streets will be closed... the walk takes place on the sidewalk. They hope to have 750 walkers... by 12noon you can expect the walkers coming back downtown. Call 410-919-7578 for more details.

Bob Kyle of First Night Annapolis addressed us briefly. He will attend next month's meeting with more opportunities for businesses. He just wanted to be sure we knew they want to be an ally to businesses.

Rusty suggested we explore the opportunities with Heartland. They now offer payroll services.

October 12 is Red Romo scholarship fund wine tasting at Annapolis Land Rover.

Taste Buds...HELP us sell tix. We need to raise the funds needed to underwrite the summer and holiday program. The city is donating \$10,000 to summer and \$10,000 to holiday this year but we still need roughly \$70,000 to make it all happen.

Elizabeth has been working on the silent auction items. She needs two more restaurants to donate dinners towards her basket for "dinner out for a year"... 12 gift certificates for dinner for two. Live auction for a trip to Jamaica to be held at 7:15. George has secured some incredible pieces of original artwork for the event. He's suggesting we auction them off live. Fordham donated beer, Snow Valley donated water. Program is being done by Jason. Judy arranged entertainment... 6-7:15 p.m. band, 7-7:30 Michael K, 7:30 Silent Auction, 7:50-9, Michael K -- time line to be confirmed. Banner to be hung. Please get all checks to Chance for tickets. Please let us know if you'd like tix delivered to you.



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Brochure has been organized by the five biz regions...Maryland Avene, West Street, Eastport, West Annapolis and the rest (name hasn't been created for the Downtown/City Dock/Main Street and its offshoots). If you are a member, you get a complete listing; if not, just your name will appear, perhaps address if space permits. Cost is not yet in. Bids will be accepted for 30,000 and 50,000. Mike Miron is funding half. The balance will be split among the five biz associations. Mary Jo wants to recognize Chance for stepping up and getting the brochure together. Many thanks, Chance.

**PLEASE SELL 10 TICKETS TO TASTE BUDS...PLEASE ASK YOUR FRIENDS TO BUY A TICKET.**

Norm reminds us: When you see someone that concerns you, call it in to the police. They can't help if they don't know!

Jason will create a poster that we can sell at Midnight Madness. They will be sold for \$10 each. You will be entered into a drawing to win the original art work -- December 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Judy will organize if someone will help. Please email me if you know of any talent that would donate their time and talents. We'd love to have them join us for one or both nights. Call me at WRNR, 410-626-0103, x11.

John Waters of Traditional Builders introduced himself. He's looking for a way into the community. We suggest he join our group and buy some Taste Buds tix. Hey, at least we're honest!

Mike Miron reports Artini opens on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Annapolis Mercedes opens in October. Mike has secured approval for signs that read "more shops this way" to put on the tough corners. BNI is a networking group, please join, they are extremely active, 7:30 a.m., September 28<sup>th</sup> at City Council chambers. Mike has arranged for live entertainment at the Market House Fridays and Saturdays. It's free, come down and enjoy the City Dock again. Visit the new Market House. Several streets are being re-bricked. Gorman, Conduit.

Market house is open! Formal Grand opening will not happen until A/C is fixed. It's been a slow start. Stop in and visit the new vendors.

Rusty requested State Circle parking spaces be marked off. There is room for more cars to park on the circle. Mike said that will happen; it's already in the works.