Minutes from directors meeting on 4/30/13

Location Monte's restaurant

Attendees: Paul Basile

Andrew Fineman

Joe Milea Ed Scala John Scala

Stephen Guimenta ** new board member

Absent: Russell Cascardo

Meeting began at 6:30

Directors spoke to Dominick (Monte's owner) about his recent health issues and briefly discussed June 4 reservation for general member meeting at Monte's.

Stephen Guimenta of Architectural Grill was welcomed to the board. His overview of doing business on the canal; the affects of Superstorm Sandy and the government response to help local businesses; as well as his insights to future technologies businesses could rely on, will all serve the organization as well as or community. Stephen officially accepted the position.

Directors agreed to hold general member's meeting on June 4, 2013 at 6:30 at the Carroll street location. Details of evening will be followed up at a later date.

Several guests were selected to be invited to attend and address the members.

National Grid

EPA

CB6 and a representative from the Brownfield Opportunity Program (BOA).

Jonathan Breslin, NY Grants ***still needs to be spoken to

Carlo Scissura, Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce

Local officials

Officer Galante from local precinct to speak about security and public safety.

Jeff Edelstein, CAG facilitator

Representative from Riders Alliance...B37 issue

Elly Truesdell...Whole Foods community liaison

Others attendees are to be determined at later date if needed.

Directors discussed the past years activities, funds, and possible activities moving forward.

Cag meetings and the progress of the superfund cleanup proposal were discussed. Reaching out to businesses on the canal was discussed and how they may be affected moving forward.

The BOA was discussed and how City government currently views the state of manufacturing in Gowanus. Real estate and employment overviews were discussed and the cost of doing business in the area.

Stephen Giumenta proposed promoting "zero landfill manufacturing" practices for businesses and finding ways to get city monetary incentives for joining the program.

It was agreed that we should as an organization continue to reach out to City and State agencies with regards to surcharges and taxes imposed on local manufacturers as well as trying to find ways to communicate the burden of fines from City agencies that create increased expense and hardship for small businesses to operate.

Discussion of obtaining organization shirts for members and contributors was agreed to. Design and style were also agreed to.

The Clean and Green day at Ennis playground was discussed. The date and time must be sent to all directors. Directors will select how best they can participate and co-ordinate with event planners.

Past and future meetings with City, State and Local organizations were discussed and a directors' calendar or a specific color designated as ----directors please attend--- Should be implemented. Directors will then require to RSVP for attendance. It was agreed that all directors must make time to attend some community meetings, such as CAG and BOA meetings as well as any other meeting deemed relevant to our mission and allows better understanding of the issues and process. All directors agreed.

Meeting was ended.