**Business Opportunity Meeting- March 13, 2019**

\*Location: Gateway Media Arts Lab, 3311 Rhode Island Ave Mount Rainier, MD 20712

**In Attendance:**

Brooke Kidd (Joe’s Movement Emporium)

Larry Solomon (Arrow Inc.)

Michelle D. Lee (Gateway Media Arts Lab)

Ronald Hopkins (Mount Rainier Economic Development)

Chief Anthony Morgan (Mount Rainier Police Dept.)

Nisey Baylor (Nisey’s Boutique)

Neil Dicken (Party Time Liquor)

Daniel Cruz (ZZ Pizza)

Sherry Lumpkin (Rag Baby Exchange)

Jimmy Tarlau (MRBA)

Desire’ DuBose (MRBA)

John Hoates (Mount Rainier City Administration)

Victor Divo (Mount Rainier City Administration)

Rainier Walker (Mount Rainier Administration)

**Morning Greetings**

Call to Order by MRBA President Brooke Kidd

**Introductions and Updates:**

**Ronald Hopkins**, Mt. Rainier Dir. Of Economic Development shared the City of Mount Rainier will be hosting an Investors Open House on Thursday, April 25, 2019 @ 6:30pm- 8:30pm in the Gateway Media Arts Lab for interested property buyers. More info will be sent out to MRBA and the community. He can be reached at rhopkins@mountrainiermd.org

**John Hoatson** introduced himself as the *Acting* City Clerk for the City of Mount Rainier. He can reached at: jhoatson@mountrainiermd.org

**Victor DiVo** introduced himself as the Executive Assistant to the Mount Rainier City Manager. He can be reached at: vdivo@mountrainiermd.org

**Raina Walker** introduced herself as the Communications and Community Events Coordinator for the City of Mount Rainier. She can be reached at: rwalker@mountrainiermd.org

**Mount Rainier Police Chief Morgan, Presentation on Safety for Business Community** *(the following notes outline the new Safety Plan that will be implemented by MRPD)*

~ Police car will be positioned on the corner of 34th Street and Bunker Hill Road.

~ There will be an increased number of police walking the street in the community.

~ Strategic positions of cameras will be selected and installed within the year.

 **Chief Morgan stated “the goal of the cameras is for Safety; not Surveillance.”**

~ Safety Training for Local Businesses will be offered at no cost in early Fall 2019.

 ~ Police Chief Morgan will develop the first “Police Leadership Panel” for the city.

Community Policing Officers

~ will begin to canvas the community and knock on doors of businesses and residents.

Police are enforcing:

* No Loitering
* No Urinating
* No Public Drinking

Police Department will be hiring for the following positions:

* Police Officer
* Social Services Coordinator
* Records Manager

~Police can be dispatched at specific times to prohibit illegal dumping behind stores on 34th St.

~Police Dept. has a Facebook page and will have an updated tab on the Mt. Rainier City Website

~Police Dept. will donate a police car for artists to paint on for the Mount Rainier Day Parade.

~Parking meters will be converted to Coin, Debit/Credit Card, and Parking Apps. Red Light and Speed Cameras will also be installed. Contractor TBD by Police Dept and City Administration.

*\* Meeting was adjourned by MRBA President Brooke Kidd at 10:30 am. The April Business Opportunity meeting will be Wednesday, April 10th @ 8:30am at Gateway Media Arts Lab.*