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ARTS AND CULTURE TASK FORCE APPOINTED

Tri-Street Area Advisory Committee selects members for important group

Westminster, MD – Mayor Kevin Utz appointed the newly formed “Arts and Culture Task Force” as part of the Tri-Street Area Advisory Committee Task Force activities. The Mayor and Common Council created the Tri-Street Area Advisory Committee (“Tri-Street Committee”) in 2008 to address neighborhood issues and concerns in the area of Pennsylvania Avenue, Union Street and West Main Street, with the objective of creating an action plan for improvement. The Task Force was chaired by Councilman Greg Pecoraro and Councilwoman Suzanne Albert served as the vice chair. The twenty member committee met five times and presented its final report on March 9, 2009. That report was unanimously accepted by the Mayor and Common Council and implementation of its recommendations has begun.

Under the goal of building economic vitality, the report recommended the creation of a task force of representatives from the City, Carroll County Arts Council, Tri-Street Area Advisory Committee, property owners, artisans and others, to be called the “Arts and Culture Task Force”, to develop an “arts, culture and small business overlay zone” for the Tri-Street neighborhood. The report urged the task force to focus on the Carroll Arts Center as a critical anchor in the Tri-Street neighborhood and to work to generate public support for the efforts of the Carroll County Arts Council to enhance this important facility and its programs.

Mayor Utz offered the following appointments to the newly formed “Arts and Culture Task Force.”

“Arts and Culture Task Force”

Mayor and Council

Councilwoman Suzanne Albert

Carroll County Arts Council

Sandy Oxx
Councilwoman Suzanne Albert (Council Liaison to
the Carroll County Arts Council)

McDaniel College

Beth Gerl
Sue Bloom

Tri-Street Area Advisory Committee

Jackie Finch
Lyndi McNulty

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Property Owners

Ed Maiello
Lou Chang
Lloyd Helt

Artisans

Sarah DeLuca
Bob Coffey

Pamela Zappardino will serve as the Chairperson of the Task Force.

The date, time, and location for the first meeting has not been finalized, but the group will hold the meetings at the Carroll County Arts Center.

For questions or further information, please contact Tom Beyard at 410-848-9000.



L to R: Councilwoman Suzanne Albert, Lyndi McNulty, Mayor Kevin Utz, Sandy Oxx, Jackie Finch, and Pam Zappardino

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