

SPECIAL BRAA BOARD MEETING October 6, 2009

See pages following for financial background, notes and floor plan

Attending: Nancy Norton, Vikki King, Charlotte Chan, Tom Barnhart, Betty Moore, Toni Bowman, Leslye Bloom, Cedric Rudisill, Larry Mitchell, Bonnie Moreno

This meeting of the BRAA Board was called to vote on a motion made by Bloom and seconded by Chan that BRAA accept Norton's proposal to precede with negotiations to rent space from Dan and Pam Sable in the building located at 201 South Main Street, Blacksburg, for the purpose of establishing gallery space for Blacksburg Regional Arts Association.

The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The BRAA portion of the building would include approximately 1200 square feet distributed in three rooms, plus a storage space. There are 11 parking spaces. Rent includes all utilities and property taxes, an internet connection with a landlord agreement to underwrite BRAA expenses for the first year to the extent necessary and possibly into the second year. See attached Business Plan Outline with pro/con list.

There is an opportunity to purchase business furniture, credit card machine, display racks from Maroon Helmet which has the building leased until Sept. 30. Business furniture and a display system are available from the former tenant, For the Birds.

Rudisill volunteered to head a space preparation/utilization effort, asking Vera Dickerson to consult. Norton, with Mitchell and King, will continue to work on the financials. Bowman will research web hosting services.

It was suggested that Robert and Steve Miller, as owners of Miller Off Main and Mish Mish may be willing to advise on gallery setup.

Blacksburg Art Place is a suggested name, which needs the approval of other building users.

In other business:

1. The Virginia Commission for the Arts has had to cancel the final payment (15%) of its grant to JAM for the sculpture due to budget cuts. Most of the grant (\$850) has been received.
2. Bowman made a motion with Mitchell seconding with the Board unanimously approving, that BRAA buy a community sponsorship in the Montgomery County Artisan Trail map for \$500.00.