



MBA Board Meeting Minutes, March 28, 2023

H. Arata called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

In Attendance: Heather Arata, Sandy Baggott, Ally Britton, Tim D'Ignazio, Dave Fairman, Elizabeth Romaine, Brittany Scharr, David Sibley, Michael Straw

Absent: Ed Blanchard, Don Connolly, Stu Eli, Laura Graham

Guests: Dell Jackson, Terry Rumsey

Consent Agreement: S. Baggott motion to approve January Financial Report and Minutes as amended. Unanimous approval.

S. Baggott motion to approve February Minutes and Financial Report. Unanimous approval.

Comments from the Chair/Retail Update – Pho House on Manchester now open. PECO/Aqua work causing concerns, began on extra blocks without announcement. D. Fairman has been working on this.

MBA women in business social media features well received and should continue beyond March.

Café Sphere still targeting a June opening.

Vice Chair Comments – D. Connolly has been working on plans for attracting volunteers.

Treasurer's Report – Written reports distributed. Cash on hand is good.

Secretary's Comments – Spring Restaurant Week was well-received. Brief discussion on March date vs. closer to Easter.

Executive Director Report – Written report distributed.

Discussion of potential tenants in the business district.

Discussion of Dining Under the Stars and report to Borough Council. Possible in-person report at a Council meeting.

Car show looks likely for July 16.

April priorities are website 'facelift' including expanded community calendar. DUTS details, promotion, volunteers, etc.

Administrative Assistant Report – Busy communicating with women owned businesses to gather info for features. Twice visited all DUTS restaurants with info and updates. Contacting/coordinating DUTS performers and nonprofits. Ongoing database updates.

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Borough Liaison – Renovations to County garage will be performed on nights/weekends (with garage open during the day) which should minimize disruption. PECO/Aqua work is already beyond projected completion date – hoping to shift schedules (to 4 10-hour days per week) to reduce interruptions. Compliments to D. Fairman for a good job communicating business' concerns about the disruption to traffic flow/parking. Kevin Matson also very helpful.

Old Business – None

New Business/Open Discussion – None

Motion to adjourn by T. D'Ignazio. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Next meeting April 25, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

Prepared by David Sibley, 4/12/23