



MBA Board Meeting Minutes, September 26, 2023

H. Arata called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

In Attendance: Heather Arata, Sandy Baggott, Ally Britton, Dave Fairman, Stu Eli, Elizabeth Romaine, David Sibley, Michael Straw

Absent: Don Connolly, Tim D'Ignazio, Laura Graham, Brittany Scharr,

Guest: Jerry Moore - Stephen's on State

Consent Agreement: M. Straw motion to accept August 2023 Minutes & Financial Report. Unanimous Approval.

Comments from the Chair: Introduction of Vanessa McGuinn, new MBA Administrative Assistant, starting 9/25. Will work with L. Stolberg (virtually) to transition through State Street Fall Festival and Holiday activities.

Willow's Garden recognizing 5 year anniversary. Three Potato Four, 1 year anniversary. Brick & Brew, 10 years, Homesewn, 1 year.

Chef Kahlil Floyd from Tattooed Pig in an accident and badly burned. Business hours of operation have been affected. MBA sends well wishes for recovery.

Discussion of ongoing PECO construction, schedule, etc.; installation of gas regulators; advice for business owners on placement.

MBA Merchandise – discussion of recruiting volunteers for tent, 9/27 and at Fall Fest.

Vice Chair: Discussion of utilizing phone conference call capabilities.

Treasurer's Report – Written reports distributed. D. Fairman has been working with Anne Lindeman drafting the 2024 budget. Final report for approval at the October meeting.

Executive Director Report – Written report distributed.

Borough Liaison – Sidewalk dining regulations – discussion of outdoor dining, hours, enforcement, etc. and MBA's role in communicating with businesses. Agreement that a joint message from Borough Authorities and MBA would be most effective. Intend to communicate by the end of October.

Zoning for former On A Roll and Santander Bank properties has been modified to allow for restaurants.

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Orange Street parking lot on track for March, 2024 including shared parking opportunities.

Monday 10/2, Philadelphia Phillies will bring Rally for Red October bus to Veterans Square 5-6PM.

New Business/Open Discussion – MBA Board meetings will continue on 4th Tuesdays through 2024.

Upcoming Events Calendar meeting with other borough organizations – calendar launch expected soon.

Executive Session: MBA Board members went into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

M. Straw motion to adjourn at 8:23 PM.

Next meeting October 24, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

Prepared by David Sibley, 10/20/23