

## MBA Board Meeting Minutes, June 25, 2024

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

In Attendance: Heather Arata, Sandy Baggot, Tim D'Ignazio, Stu Eli, Dave Fairman, Vanessa McGuinn, Elizabeth Romaine

Absent: Ally Britton, Don Connolly, Brittany Scharr, Dave Sibley, Michael Straw

Guests: Vince D'Amico, Danielle Millio DiGalbo, Nicolette Naimoli

**Consent Agreement:** Quorum not met. Vote tabled until July meeting.

**Chair's Report:** Discussed need for public works clean-up of Plum Street, overflowing trash receptacles, etc. Questions about timely removal of Five Mile Race posters and parking signs. Discussed making holiday parking free for garage or no ticketing.

**Executive Director's Report:** Written report distributed. Met with attorney J. Adam Matlawski to review Foundation for Delaware County Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement documents. Discussed retaining McNichol, Byrne & Matlawski as MBA solicitors.

**Administrative Assistant's Report:** Written report distributed.

**Borough Council Liaison Report:** Plum Street Park budget has been approved and will begin construction mid-July. "Departure" restaurant at 2 S. Orange Street set to open soon. Liquor license approved for "Hometown" restaurant at 114 W. State Street. Borough Council will not conduct a July workshop.

**New business:** Discussed the need for an MBA Small Business Welcome packet with materials pertinent to code, permits, fees and taxes as a small business in the borough, including contact information for public entities.

Discussion of a farewell event for Chief Egan at Media Theatre before his retirement in late October, with a focus on a charitable contribution from a portion of ticket sales.

Discussion of "Santa on State" on three Wednesday nights in December, with ticketed visits at individual sponsored stops at businesses on State Street; or a rented trolley ride around the borough. Look into Philadelphia Trolley company. V. D'Amico may have connection to a possible vintage rental.

Requests were made for leniency for numerous parking issues; including tickets issued in permitted areas, low parking availability and other consequences that deter visitors and customers. Concerns were also raised over Baltimore Avenue Garage conditions, with discussion about constructing a new garage versus maintaining the existing structure. E. Romaine encouraged business owners with parking concerns to attend Borough Council meetings on the first and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

Motion made by S. Baggot to recommend Vincent D'Amico to Borough Council to serve on the MBA Board of Directors. Seconded by S. Eli. Vote tabled until July meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by S. Baggot at 8:50 pm. Seconded by S. Eli.

Prepared by V. McGuinn and S. Baggot