



## **MBA Board Meeting Minutes, May 28, 2024**

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm.

In Attendance: Heather Arata, Tim D'Ignazio, Stu Eli, Dave Fairman, Elizabeth Romaine, Brittany Scharr, David Sibley, Michael Straw

Absent: Sandy Baggot, Ally Britton, Don Connolly

Guest: Vince D'Amico

**Consent Agreement:** T. D'Ignazio motion to accept April 2024 Minutes and Financial Report. Unanimous approval.

**Administrative Assistant's Report** – written report distributed. D. Fairman commented that Vanessa McGuinn is consistently making a difference in daily operations and details for events like DUTS and festivals. She will be taking an increased role in social media – further discussion to follow. Averaging 4 days a week which is great.

**Executive Director Report** – Written report distributed. T. D'Ignazio asked about meeting with Borough and County Council. Met during DCED walk about and Dr. Taylor requested to meet separately so a meeting was scheduled. The Borough Council "check In" happens occasionally at regular council meetings for MBA updates.

Question if Spring Arts Show did ok financially? Budget was to break even and ended up under by \$270. No corporate sponsors obtained this year, so that's a positive outlook for the future. Participants were more pleased than in the past (before MBA ran it).

Volunteers needed for Wednesdays; V. McGuinn has not had much luck recruiting. No merch tent in May due to lack of board staffing. Also needed for car show 6/2. Some public response to online requests.

**Comments from the Chair:** Cookie Plug ribbon cutting 6/7 1PM. Sterling Pig 9<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Greatest Hits Records likely doing a ribbon cutting 6/28. 10 Thousand Villages ribbon cutting 6/12, 5:30PM.

S. Eli asked about Jackson St construction – 5/29 completion predicted but not guaranteed. Hopping street is open by end of May in time for Pride Parade and Car Show.

**Secretary's Comments:** D. Sibley motion proposing a recognition reception for Chief Egan to be held in Crystal Room at Media Theatre. Suggested 2<sup>nd</sup> week of September (schedule permitting). Unanimous approval. D. Fairman will coordinate with Chief.

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**Borough Council Liaison** - Plum Street Park construction schedule is still being worked out. Discussion followed regarding Café Isla's request for compensation during construction. Request has not been considered by Council. MBA can assist affected businesses. Plum Street construction may disrupt underground pests, is there anything that can be done to mitigate?

M. Straw inquired about the county parking lot. Delay is due to PECO final connections for electric.

L. Romaine toured Departure, the new restaurant at Orange and Front Streets. Hoping to open by end of Summer.

M. Straw motioned to adjourn at 7:50 PM.

Next meeting June 25, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

Prepared by David Sibley, 6/21/24