



MBA Board Meeting Minutes, March 18, 2025

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm.

In Attendance: Heather Arata, Don Connolly, Vince D'Amico, Tim D'Ignazio, Stu Eli, Dave Fairman, Vanessa McGuinn, Danielle Millio-DiGalbo, Elizabeth Romaine, Brittany Scharr, David Sibley, Michael Straw

Guest: Nicolette Naimoli

Consent Agreement: T. D'Ignazio motion to accept 2/18/25 minutes and 2/28/25 Financial Report. Unanimous approval.

Comments from the Chair: Klawz nail salon closed. Bittersweet Kitchen 10-year anniversary. 'Kelly Drives' (Fox29) visited The Corner. Plum Street Mall work has resumed after winter break.

Vice Chair Comments: Reviewed committee structure introduction and explained the objectives. Board responses to survey needed. Committee chairs to be selected by Board Chair.

Treasurer's Comments: Brief review of finances. YTD 'in the black'. Discussion of increased spending for marketing.

Secretary's Comments: Ribbon-cutting at Rivalry Cafe – well-attended. Discussions underway with L. Romaine about possible celebration reception in June. Likely on a Monday or Tuesday at 5-7PM.

Executive Director – Written report distributed.

Delco Chamber selected MBA as recipient of the 2025 Business Association of the year. Award to be presented at April 4 breakfast event.

Discussion of lighting trees on State Street, considering costs and options.

Suggestion made by board to consider offering lamppost signs at other times of the year (Valentine's e.g.).

MAC requesting wine tent for Arts Fest – will pay MBA \$500 max depending on sales. Discussion followed about blocking business access and also enforcement. D. Sibley motion to approve request for wine tent. Motion defeated 5 - 4.

Question about proposed ban on black plastic and polystyrene. MBA will discuss with restaurants to determine impact. D. Fairman will advocate for businesses' best interests.

Operations Administrator – Written report distributed.

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New Business – M. Straw suggestion for considering changes in open container policy.

V. D'Amico made a possible contact with potential event planner.

MBA will have a ribbon cutting at Nimble Craft on Friday 3/21/25.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Next meeting April 15, 2025 at 7:00 PM.

Prepared by David Sibley, 4/11/25