



## **MBA Board Meeting Minutes, May 20, 2025**

Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm.

In Attendance: Don Connolly, Vince D'Amico, Stu Eli, Dave Fairman, Vanessa McGuinn, Elizabeth Romaine, Brittany Scharr (via phone), David Sibley

Absent: Heather Arata, Tim D'Ignazio, Danielle Millio-DiGalbo, Michael Straw

**Consent Vote:** V D'Amico motion to approve March and April minutes and financial reports. Unanimous approval.

**Comments from Vice Chair:** Discussion of committees to be continued at a future meeting.

**Treasurer's Comments:** Looking good halfway through the year – some expected expenses will be coming up, for example no police invoices received yet for Dining Under the Stars.

**Secretary's Comments:** Tribute event put on hold with the possibility of a September date. Possible options discussed – ideas presented.

**Executive Director** – Written report distributed.

Vintage clothing store to take 303 W. State St. Sonny's Vintage Clothing – a creative model and experienced business. Opening expected soon.

Thanks to V D'Amico for leading TV coverage of first DUTS.

An *Inquirer* article about rooftop venues included two Media locations.

MBA was not selected for PA Main Street Matters grant to create a five-year plan, but there may be alternative options. Plans to resubmit in 2025.

An interested vendor wants to propose a holiday décor plan – will meet soon.

Volunteers needed for DUTS and Car Show.

June 4 DUTS will include live WMMR broadcast, Visit Delco chalk artists, Phanatic visit and other special additions.

**Operations Administrator** – Written report distributed.

Spring Arts – there's been a learning curve partnering with MAC. Participating artists gave great reports and positive feedback. Partnership is worthwhile for MAC to vet vendors. Expect to try again in '26. Emphasis on quality of vendors.

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October 5 Fall Fest applications are open. Over 50 vendors already.

Library – ‘Bookmarked in Media’ – retailers did not see a benefit.

**Borough Liaison Report** – 10-minute free parking has gone to Solicitor for formal write-up.

Mobile food carts: Two permits will be given on alternating days which will result in fewer trucks at any time.

V. D’Amico spoke to Borough Council very insightfully regarding the consideration for an amendment to the existing Plastic Bag & Straw ordinance. Appears likely that the polystyrene ban language will be separated from the black plastic ban. Work still to be done, to be sure the process is clear, organized and well communicated to the business community.

**New Business** – S. Eli reported that Greatest Hits Records & Books and Three Potato Four will hold Front St parking lot event for vintage summer fun Sun. June 22, 10am-5pm called Summer Outpost. It will include a pie-eating contest.

Delco Duo will be returning in June to record an episode of their show during DUTS.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Next meeting June 17, 2025 at 7:00 PM.

Prepared by David Sibley, 6/13/25