MBA Board Meeting Minutes, September 16, 2025

Meeting attendees:

In Attendance: Heather Arata, Vince D'Amico, Stu Eli, Dave Fairman, Vanessa McGuinn, Elizabeth Romaine, David Sibley

Absent: Don Connolly, Tim D'Ignazio, Danielle Millio-DiGalbo, Brittany Scharr, Michael Straw

LACK OF QUORUM

Consent Vote: Approval of July minutes and August and September Financials tabled to October meeting.

Comments from Chair: Garden Café marking 11th anniversary. John Robert Cellars ribbon cutting on 8/22. Glimmer Ribbon cutting 9/23. Delco Historical Society Downhill Derby 9/27. Garage Sale Day and Porchfest 9/27. MAC crosswalk painting on State Street 9/28. First ever Delco 10-mile race 9/28. Discussion of the Pompeii property and Taquero.

Treasurer's Comments: Draft budget expected before November Board Meeting. MBA financial presentation to the Borough 10/15.

Secretary's Comments: *Ghostbusters* at Media Theatre 9/15 and visited by Philly Ghostbusters in costume. D. Fairman thanked D. Sibley and L. Romaine for participation in the Mayor Tribute 9/10 which included appearance by Phillie Dickie Noles, musical performance by Media Theatre, and remarks from the Mayor, Jack Holefelder, Martin Wusinich and Anthony Bellapigna.

Executive Director – Written report distributed.

Holiday décor proposal came in high, so a few impactful displays selected for value. Negotiated a 2-year deal for a reduced price. Décor at 'gateways', Trader Joe's tree, arch/posing station at Plum St., re-imagining the decorations at Baltimore Avenue Garage.

State Street Fall Festival 10/5. Volunteers needed for MBA merch tent 9AM-6PM.

Operations Administrator – Written report distributed.

Saturdays in December will feature complimentary Kettle Corn, Snow Globe posing station, Grinch V

isiting State Street, Santa Strolling State Street, Carolers, etc.

Proposed business mixer, possible dates considered.

Borough Council Liaison – Council will likely vote on polystyrene ban – 2026 implementation expected. Not to include black plastic at this time.

New Business: Board members terming off will need to reply soon with intentions to continue. Discussion of building the Board and rounding out industry categories.

Meeting dispersed at 8:02 PM.

Next meeting October 21, 2025 at 7:00 PM.

Prepared by David Sibley, 10/17/25