

Media Business Authority Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2010

In Attendance: Christopher Dougherty, Monika Rehoric, Peter Bendistis, Tom Hibberd, Drew Arata, Lynne Green, Amy Bullock, Ed Lawlor, Kevin Schramm, Bobbie Dallas, Monica Simpson, Jon Schaffer, Zubair Khan

Absent: Warren Kuo, Harry Havnoonian, John Vizzarri, Rachael Benari, Bill Gross

Guests: Paul Patchel

Meeting called to order at 6:42 PM.

I. Agenda Review:

Drew Arata spoke and explained the Agenda for tonight's meeting. He also read the mission to all the Board members, and indicated that MBA by-laws were attached on each Board member's folder.

II. Public Comments:

None

III. Old Business:

- a. On behalf of John Vizzarri, Zubair Khan presented the Treasurer's Reports for October, November, December 2009
- b. Drew Arata made the motion to approve October, November & December reports; all three motions were made separately. Seconded by Christopher Dougherty, motion carried for all three months

IV. New Business:

Tom Hibberd made the motion to Accept Resignations of Monika Rehoric and Anthony Cavaleire. Seconded by Bobbie Dallas, motion carried.

V. Approval of Minutes from December Meeting:

Motion to approve December Minutes by Drew Arata. Seconded by Ed Lawlor, motion carried.

VI. Approval of the Treasurer's Report:

2010 MBA budget was presented for review. Zubair Khan noted in John Vizzarri's absence that the budget is preliminary and will be amended according to ongoing needs of the various committees as the year progresses.

VII. Borough Liaison's Report

- a. Monica Simpson reported the Borough has appointed Eric Stein as the new MBA liaison for 2010. Eric is unable to attend January and February meetings, due to prior work commitments. His letter was read to the MBA Board. His focus for this year to improve communications, shared information, Board structure, public relations, commercial recycling, downtown cleanliness & organizational vision.
- b. Resignations of the MBA board members will be on the Borough's agenda.
- c. Mass gathering permits are starting to come in. Zubair asked if Borough would waive the mass gathering permit process for three resident events: Garage Sale, Santa's Arrival & New Year's Ball Drop. Monica took the action item to research this.
- d. Christopher Dougherty asked why the Borough has rescinded the MBA funding Ordinance.
- e. On further information concerning One State Street, "the Committee is pursuing all options, either to sell or lease the property. The property is not yet listed and is undergoing some cleanup.
- f. Meet your new Council Members with the MBA and Businesses is set for Tuesday February 16 @ 8:00am at the Community Center.

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VIII. Committee Reports

- a. Zubair reported that two mass gathering permit applications (for Chinese New Year and for Roots Ramble) have been submitted to the Borough.
- b. Zubair also reported that:
 - "Benjamin's Family Market" has opened for business at One West Front Street
 - "Simply Elegant" also opened at 7 East State Street
 - "Lotus" had its "Grand Opening"
- c. Annual Audit will be coming soon. All 1099 forms will also be issued.

Motion to adjourn by Drew Arata. Seconded by Bobbie Dallas, motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher Dougherty
Secretary

