

Media Business Authority Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Tuesday June 10, 2014

In Attendance: Bryan Messick,, Debbie Pitt, Jack Cunicelli, Christopher Dougherty, Tom Hibberd, Peter Bendistis, Courtney Roszas, Lisa Johnson, Zubair Khan, Deborah Shipley

Absent: Loic Barnieu, Warren Kuo, Harry Havnoonian

Guests: Nick Yocco (Seven Stones Cafe)

Meeting called to order at 6:23PM.

1. Public Comments: (Zubair Khan)

a. Nick Yocco (Seven Stones Cafe) Nick Yocco attended that MBA meeting to express his concerns over the lack of communication and dissension he noticed going on between different groups in Media. He offered to host a gathering at Seven Stones Cafe with a representative from each group to discuss better ways to work together for the good of Media. Some of the groups in suggestion were: Borough Council, Media Business Authority, Media Arts Council, Transition Town Media, Retailers, and Restaurants. There was a discussion about the perceptions and miscommunications that continued throughout Media and an agreement that it was worth a try to have a gathering with representatives from each group. Lisa Johnson also added that it might be a good idea for Nick Yocco to present his concerns and ideas at the upcoming Borough Council Meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes (Jack Cunicelli)

a. May Minutes- Debbie Pitt made a motion to approve the March minutes, Tom Hibberd seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

3. Treasurer's Report (Debbie Pitt)-

a. Authorize to Pay Bills- Debbie Pitt made a motion to ask for authorization to pay the May bills in the amount of \$4,651.00, Tom Hibberd seconded the motion and the motion passed.

4. Old Business (Bryan Messick)

a. Merchant Survey 2014 Not discussed at this meeting.

b. Wawa- Tom Hibberd wanted to ensure that it was noted in the minutes that the MBA Board unanimously approved their endorsement of the Wawa project moving forward. He also added that all of the largest stakeholders in town were in favor of Wawa in the proposed location on the corner of Baltimore Pike & Rt. 252.

c. Jeremy Alvarez Proposal- Zubair Khan thanked Tom Hibberd for facilitating the approval of the Jeremy Alvarez proposal. The terms of the proposal were altered to include a review of the Comprehensive Plan and the proposal was unanimously approved by the board over a vote by email. Zubair Khan also mentioned that Jeremy Alvarez, Paul Patchel, Deborah Shipley, and he had met to go over the proposal and start a list of the businesses that Jeremy would interview. Zubair Khan added that the list would be passed along to the board for approval and to ensure a good sampling of businesses to be represented. He also let the board know that Jeremy Alvarez's ongoing progress and findings would be communicated to the board.

d. Comprehensive Plan- Zubair Khan announced that the Comprehensive Plan preparers were keen on receiving feedback from the MBA Board and asked that the board member send their comments prior to the meeting.

e. Holiday Parade Mass Gathering Permit – Bryan Messick announced that the Holiday Parade Committee had met and wanted to propose that the parade be the same night as Santa's Arrival. He added that there was no Mass Gathering Permit submitted yet and that the MBA would keep the retailers posted regarding any updated information.

f. Garage Updates- Bryan Messick announced that Media Borough had gone 10 days at the time of the meeting with The Olive Street Garage repairs limiting parking with no major problems reported.

5. New Business (Bryan Messick)

a. Committee Assignments- Follow-Up 2014- Not discussed at this meeting.

6. **Borough Liaison Report (Lisa Johnson)**

a. **Borough Council Updates-** Discussed throughout meeting.

7. **Committee Reports (Zubair Khan)**

a. **Events Committees-**

Blues Stroll- Zubair Khan announced that the Blues Stroll pre-sales were going well and that the Blues Stroll had 24 acts scheduled for the upcoming event; including Double Decker Pizza on Baltimore Pike. He mentioned that Paul Pachtel, himself and Deborah Shipley had been working very hard to get this event ready. Zubair Khan also added that the event was being well advertised through various media sources including Comcast internet, social media, local papers, and radio spots. Bryan Messick announced that Media Arts Council's 100th 2nd Saturday was happening on Saturday, June 14th. Christopher Dougherty added that he had not seen any mention of the MBA on any of MAC's promotions for their act which was part of the Blues Stroll and that he thought they should be acknowledging the MBA in their advertising.

Dining Under the Stars- Bryan Messick announced that a lot of the Dining Under the Stars' nights had been iffy weather-wise so far for the season. Zubair Khan mentioned that it was difficult to "wait to see" each Wednesday if the rain would hold off because of the restaurants needing to let their wait staff know ahead of time and prepare their food for the evening. Courtney Rozsas expressed that there was a problem with the time the restaurants were allowed to put their tables out on the streets and people continuing to park in front of the restaurants. Bryan Messick suggested that even though the Mass Gathering Permit did not go into effect until 5pm on Wednesday evenings, perhaps the restaurants could have a staff outside to monitor the parking situation from 4:30pm until 5pm. Jack Cunicelli also added that he felt it was important to acknowledge that the permit started at 5pm and to respect those rules.

b. **Promotions Committee-**Report distributed; Not discussed at this meeting.

c. **Business Retention-** Not discussed at this meeting

d. **Executive Director's Report** Zubair Khan discussed various property development proposals that were in progress around Media Borough. He mentioned the West End of Media on the Limberg property was slated for possible townhome development. Zubair Khan also announced that a study was being conducted by the Borough, the County, and Septa for a possible 3-tier parking garage to be built on Baltimore Pike. He informed the board that he would keep everyone posted on any further news regarding these and other possible developments.

e. **Technology Report-** Report distributed; Not discussed at this meeting.

f. **Retail Roundtable-** See discussion above.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:37PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack Cunicelli

MBA Secretary