

**Fishtown Area BID  
Board Meeting Agenda  
Thursday, January 6, 2022 at 10:00am  
1509 Front Street**

1. Welcome and Introductions (Call of the Roll)  
Attendance: Randi, Marc, Kae, Kathy, Matt, Josh, Emily, Massi, Janay, Skip, Michael Brafman, Paul, Roland

Keeping second board meeting for this month

2. Approval of November 18, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes  
Janay motions to approve, Emily seconds, motion carries minutes approved.
3. Budget and Financial Report

First list of Liens will be presented to Board at next meeting. Paul motions to approve financial report, Emily seconds, motion carries.

4. Executive Director Updates
  - a). Review of Annual Report and Discussion of Board Elections
    - 1). Annual Meeting: 1/20/2022 at 6:00 p.m. (Zoom link sent);  
What we've done and where we are going...
    - 2). Current Board terms:  
  
Terms ends 2022:  
Janay - in  
Matt - in  
Skip - in  
Lee - in  
  
Term Ends 2023:  
Denise  
Paul  
Lisa  
Josh

Term Ends 2024:  
Steve  
Kathy  
Ravi

b). Trash Collection Update and Changes:

1). Rapid Response Initiative;

Kae goes north of Palmer, Marc takes south of Palmer for inspection daily of trash. We also have some eyes on the street in specific locations to regularly reach out for problems. And RWA is responsive, also reviewing proposals for inhouse teams.

2). Revision of litter collection routes for Ready, Willing & Able;

We also met with RWA last week and we are looking at reevaluating our routes, Anthony is working that out this week and next and we will be presenting that to you all at next meeting.

3). Fishtown District Corridor Steward Hiring Update (Job Description Bell):

**Responsibilities**

- Remove litter from sidewalks, curbs and sections of the street
- Service public trash cans and clear short dumps
- Ensure lots and public spaces are free of debris and trash
- Track and maintain a list of business/property owner concerns and blight issues, report to supervisor and 311 when appropriate
- Identify property code violations and capture images for reporting
- Distribute marketing materials & Educate business owners on responsibilities and resources available to them through the BID
- Assist staff with load-in and break down for special events
- Additional tasks as assigned

**This is a part-time position. Proposed Hours are Monday and Wednesdays from 8AM-4PM. Starting Compensation Rate: \$15/hour**

We did get some responses but only one interview showed up and he was not a good candidate. There is also a delay in being able to get a vehicle. Marc reached out to Impact, they have staff, so they proposed \$21/hour for litter collection and removal. Also an additional \$10,000 proposal for RWA to empty public trash cans.

Paul motions to proceed with Impact trash proposal, Janay seconds, motion passed.

- c). Fishtown District "Compliance Team"
  - 1). Grayman Protective Services to help during weekends
  - 2). Areas at Frankford and Girard, Girard to Front and Frankford to Thompson/Shackamaxon;
  - 3). 4 man team, \$30 per hour per man. Work Friday and Saturday nights ( 10:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m.)
  - 4). Proposed Contract attached. Goal is to keep people respectful, quiet and moving.

Massi: There has been an uptick in crime in our area. Some of the COVID rules have made things that used to not be allowed no longer enforceable like outdoor containers and outdoor music. Police no longer have a say on liquor licenses, only special assembly.

I see this as a paid townwatch, first for bar let out, then possibly to be expanded. Police are now at an all time staffing low, lowest since creation of the building. This does open us up to some liability issues and potential lawsuits. There's no real-time apparatus to talk to each other, in other districts they use whatsapp or an email blast chain to inform bars of ejections and things like that. I am not aware of any nuisance activity in that area.

Marc: we reviewed contract with our insurance company, does include clause that we are not sued and pass liability onto contractor.

Massi: Always with roaming details, two man teams are best. We have not seen any official complaints in this area about nuisance activity to my knowledge, but we can pull the data. Nolib's had a commercial burglary pattern last year, and they hired an outside security detail company for burglaries. Center City has their own team in house. Staffing is so low that hiring overtime is not really an option right now.

Greyman are RAMP certified. Vaccine rules are probably going to be health dept enforced, police cannot sustain getting involved in that regulation.

First round of business security camera installation grant has been filed.

Crime report from Massi: Package thefts, uptick in violent crime and burglary and especially carjackings and catalytic converter thefts. There have been some gunpoint robberies on Frankford Ave in the last two months. Cameras are important here and many of our businesses in the area do not have them. communication chain could go a long way here as well with real time alerts.

Massi will send us some data and we will vote on the Greyman proposal at the end of the month meeting.

d). Graffiti Removal Services

d). Three Hour Parking Initiative Update.

1). Fishtown District Parking Survey Review.

Thank you to all who attended, we saw a lot of positives, the opposition was not as big and loud as we anticipated. Additionally, City Council members were in attendance. There was opposition to the meters themselves, but not so much 3-hour parking, so we are looking at no meters but 3-hours. Please review the responses to the survey. It does show there is a need for parking changes, and most prefer the option we had suggested with FNA. FNA meeting on Jan 10 and will discuss this for an updated letter of support.

One of the things that came up in our transportation meeting was bike infrastructure and the need for it in our neighborhood. We do have a few indigo stations in our area, and Marc and Kae met with OTIS, Indigo and others to make some suggestions and build a partnership for our district. Right now looking up to Palmer, in 2023 up to Lehigh. We are putting this in our newsletter to get public feedback on station locations as well.

WILL BE CONTINUED AT THE NEXT MEETING with graffiti proposal and Committee updates, etc. Next meeting will be Jan 20th to prepare for the annual stakeholders meeting.

Skip motions to adjourn, janay seconds meeting adjourned.