

Fishtown Kensington Area Business Improvement Board Meeting Minutes
July 31, 2025

Meeting called to order 10:05am

Attendees: Attendees – Janay Green, Matt Ross, Paul Kimport, Marc Collazzo, Scott Nistico, Max Thalheimer, Kathleen Treude, Bianca DiPietro, Caroline Jones, Josh Olivo, Randi Sherwood, Danielle Yankowski.

Marc welcomed everybody to the June Fishtown, Kensington area, BID board meeting..

June 2025 Board Meeting Minutes Approved – Lisa motioned for approval and Kathy Second.

1. Budget and Financial Report

Total Collections YTD:

BID Assessment Revenue 2020: 6,277.21
BID Assessment Revenue 2021: 6,488.59
BID Assessment Revenue 2022: 9,397.35
BID Assessment Revenue 2023: 15,077.43
BID Assessment Revenue 2024: 37,580.06
BID Assessment Revenue 2025: 384,856.71
Credit for Exemptions -32,651.15

Total BID Assessment Revenue: \$427,026.20

May Collections:

June Collections:

BID Assessment Revenue 2020; 1,732.04
BID Assessment Revenue 2021; 1,290.52
BID Assessment Revenue 2022: 1,682.32
BID Assessment Revenue 2023: 2,181.03
BID Assessment Revenue 2024: 4,827.43
BID Assessment Revenue 2025: 71,592.80

Total for BID Assessment Revenue \$83,306.14

LiveNation has made 3 payments of \$25,000 each.

TCB awarded \$84,000 July – June 2026

Matt – concerned about 40% collection vs 50% last year. June was a good collection month. July was also a good month. Questioned the reputation of the BID in terms of not paying is accepted.

Lisa – noted that grant money up \$50,0000

Randi – planning a August mailing for outstanding

Marc – answered our reputation issue has certainly improved. Also, received a \$25,000 Corridor Enhancement for the Derby.

Executive Session - off the record

Back on the record after discussing the Conservatorship 401-05 Girard Avenue.

Financial Report Approved - Paul motioned to approve and Janay seconded.

Janay Opening Statement:

Attended while traveling abroad and said that she enjoyed seeing all your faces.

VISION PLAN

Frankford – Trenton – Roundabout, 2400 Block of Martha, 1300 Lee Street, and E Girard all moving along. Working on appraisals and costs.

GRANT FILING

Marc filed the Multimodal Grant on Friday, July 25, 2025 for \$800,000. Included area that FNA refers to as the pollinator garden. Not sure when we will hear as the State Budget has not passed yet.

LSA Connector Grant – waiting on a answer, asked for \$50,000.

FRONT & GIRARD

Off the record for Executive Session

Returned from Executive session after discussing agreement with public property and Septa as it relates to Front & Girard masterplan.

Fabrication of Kiosks at Front & Girard. Blue Cube from 30th Street Station is moving by October 31, 2025. ISA to model Blue Cube for plans.

LSA Grant of \$72,000 pays for the East side and State Grant \$170,000 to complete the project.

Went into Executive Session to discuss the Ambassadors at Front & Girard activation.

FRANKFORD AND SHACKAMAXON

Plaza is planned for early 2026 – early Spring

Letters late summer 2026

Planning more open meetings for neighborhood awareness of plans.

INSTORE GRANT PROGRAM

This is for the microgrant projects for new or existing businesses to do interior updates.

1st step was an expression of interest of which we received 20

Review internally

Bring to the Board for review

Businesses will present their plans, costs, work, and pictures

Grant application due August 31, 2025

This grant includes fixtures, new equipment, painting, & building internally.

Reminder for the expression of interest was resent July 30, 2025.

Thinking \$100,000 ask and grants could be awarded at different levels such as \$5,000 - \$15,000 etc.

STATEWIDE LOCAL SHARED ACCOUNT GRANT – PIDC

Equipment that could assist current team, such as a golf cart for trash collection or sweepers is being explored.

EVENTS

Under the El Themes – vendors limited and more art focused. Good steady crowds have attended the last two.

August 23, 2025 – End of Summer Blast – Hawaiian shirts, fun games, leis, activities for kids, fruity cocktails and more.

Closed N Front Street from Cecil B Moore to Palmer Street.

Oktoberfest – September 20, 2025 – including all businesses in the footprint from Girard Avenue to Master Street. More family oriented with a kids area and activities.

Derby – 2400 block of Frankford Avenue – small loop around Martha Street and York Street roundabout. Including Halloween costumes, live activations, businesses along the footprint, mud pit and more.

Motion to adjourn made by Caroline, and Paul seconded.

Motion carried - meeting adjourned at 11:55am.