

Fishtown Kensington Area Business Improvement Board Meeting Minutes
October 23, 2025

Meeting called to order 10:05am

Attendees: Attendees – Janay Green, Paul Kimport, Marc Collazzo, Scott Nistico, Max Thalheimer, Kathleen Treude, Lisa Mazzola, Justin Gibbons, Bianca DePietro Josh Olivo, Lee Stoetzel, Randi Sherwood, Brendan Sherwood, Karen Anderson, and Jack McGovern.

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

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

Marc introduced Jack MCGovern from CPA Philly

Jack shared the audit report for 2024

- Shares independent auditors report regarding the Fishtown Kensington BID
- Shares statement of financial information including Assets, Liabilities & Net Assets
- Shares statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in assets
- Shows that Fishtown Kensington BID has received funds through grants that have improved the district and corridor
- Overall standing of the Fishtown Kensington BID financial situation is good
- Motion carries to file

Marc introduced the financial report for Sept 2025

Budget and Financial Report

- a). Balance (as of 10/15/2025): \$97,325.40.

b). BID Assessment Collections to Date (1/1/2025 to 9/30/2025): \$532,457.83.

Live Nation paid \$100,000.00 for its 2025 CDC Tax Credit obligation. 2026 Renewal Application timely filed.

Collections notices mailed by 9/19/2025.

Fishtown Co. Account Balance: \$48,398.15.

Total Collections YTD:

BID Assessment Revenue 2020: 8,500.41
BID Assessment Revenue 2021: 12,100.71
BID Assessment Revenue 2022: 15,190.82
BID Assessment Revenue 2023: 23,135.44
BID Assessment Revenue 2024: 49,826.24
BID Assessment Revenue 2025: 456,355.36

Credit for Exemptions -32,651.15

Total for BID Assessment Revenue \$532,457.83

September Collections

BID Assessment Revenue 2025 2,528.16

Total for BID Assessment Revenue \$2,528.16

Financial Report approved – Lisa motioned and Kathy seconded.

Janay Opening Statements

-Attended premier of Philadelphia Film Festival for finale episode of HBO's Task, plugged the Fishtown District while in attendance and showed Fishtown District advertisement in front of sold-out theater with show's stars in attendance

-Mentioned future of sidewalk cafes in the Fishtown District

-Members attended 26th PDAC Awards, good event and represented the Fishtown District

Marc speaks on Kensington Derby and Arts Festival

-Thanks Dept of Commerce for Corridor Enhancement Grant, PTSSD Derby Grant

-Bringing Derby back to its roots with local vendors and focus on local business

-Spoke about costume contests, mud pits, games, live entertainment, and all the festivities that will be occurring throughout the day on Saturday, October 25th

Marc speaks of Outdoor Café Dining

-Speaks about certain districts having right to outdoor cafes, and how others will need special ordinances

-Paul spoke of benefits of outdoor cafes and how they improve the experience of patrons and residents throughout the district

-Marc has attended 3 meetings regarding outdoor cafes, and will continue to attend to advocate for outdoor cafes in the future

Marc speaks on Capital Program Updates

Front & Girard

-Blue cube and porch swings coming to The International. They will pick them up next week, fabricator will restore and put together projects, will be at both Front & Girard and the pedestrian plaza at The International.

-Janay speaks on how new building across the street where Deli & Juice Bar will be has been progressing, says the area in general has been cleaner and more attractive

Frankford & Shackamaxon

Environmental study showed two small gas tanks at the intersection buried under ground. There is a meeting next week with Housing and Urban Development (HUD) representative to see if it needs to be removed.

Statewide LSA Grant Update

A joint grant with Old City District for road closure barriers. Grant application is due the end of November. DCED is favorable. Locations recommended Frankford & Girard Avenues, Cecil B Moore and Palmer on Front Street.

Swings proposed for the Plaza at Cecil B Moore.

Paul – believes the swings will make it more fun for people to use.

Events:

Frankford Hall Oktoberfest 12 – 8 pm – Johnny Brenda's and Two Robbers included. Event will have music food and drinks.

From 12-6pm on Frankford from Thompson to Master we will be hosting a Family FunFest with local artists, businesses within the footprint, music, mini-golf, connect four, pop-a-shot basketball, face painter, balloon and caricature artists.

Evil Genius – also having a family fun day and El Chingon is closing Marlborough to host food and activities.

Filmore 10th Anniversary in month of October.

Derby Update: Coming along focus is on zip code 19125, artists, family aspects, bikes, and mud pit. Steph Irvin's company is assisting. Awful Wrestling will end the event from 6-8pm. Closing 2400 -2600 blocks of Frankford. Alcohol will only be sold within establishments.

Executive session to discuss the funding of the Derby.

Fishtown Freeze – scheduled for Saturday, Dec 6, 2025. Marc said we have started to reach out to folks. Looking for sponsors and have add an ice skating rink as an option. Vince's will be doing Santa and Fabrika possibly a performance in the parking lot.

Scott – finished summer and upcoming fall focus on managing the unhoused situation. Has spoken to other districts. Increase from 400 to 1200 unhoused in city. They are seeing new faces and new levels of aggression. Our goal is to help move people along.

Executive Session to discuss safety as it relates to management of aggressive and higher numbers.

Marc noted that we have a new card that Max Thalheimer is handing out with who to call in different situations.

Max – a lot of focus this month has been on events. Take time and effort to get business to participate. People are getting to know him and recognizing him when he enters businesses. Giving out cards and information. He is talking to them about issues that need solving and he is working with them to point them in the right direction.

Randi – website update – designs and functionality are being reviewed. Expecting a new website to be up before end of year.

Caroline - Fishtown Connect - last week's meeting was well attended and they are seeing new faces each time. Eagles watch party October 5 at Frankford Hall.

Motion to adjourn at 11:47am was brought by Janay and seconded by Caroline.