

Fishtown Kensington Area Business Improvement Board Meeting Minutes
Sept 18, 2025

Meeting called to order 10:05am

Attendees: Attendees – Janay Green, Paul Kimport, Marc Collazzo, Scott Nistico, Max Thalheimer, Kathleen Treude, Lisa Mazzola, Caroline Jones, Josh Olivo, Jeannine Cook, Lee Stoetzel, Randi Sherwood, Lee Jones.

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

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

1. Budget and Financial Report

a). Balance (as of 9/15/2025): \$88,288.35.

b). BID Assessment Collections to Date (1/1/2025 to 8/31/2025): \$521,288.20.

Live Nation paid \$75,000.00 for the first, second and third quarters of its 2025 CDC Tax Credit obligation. Final quarter payment of \$25,000.00 due on 10/1/2025.

Collections notices mailed by 9/19/2025.

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

Total Collections YTD:

BID Assessments 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: 49,266.82
BID Assessment Revenue 2025: 445,745.15

Credit for Exemptions -32,651.15

Total BID Assessment Revenue 521,288.20

August Collections

BID Assessments Revenue 2020: 485.69
BID Assessment Revenue 2021: 447.14
BID Assessment Revenue 2022: 461.59
BID Assessment Revenue 2023: 2,232.94
BID Assessment Revenue 2024: 2,320.95
BID Assessment Revenue 2025: 42,005.66

Total BID Assessment Revenue 47,953.97

Outstanding collections are going out – Sept 19, 2025

Year over year – we have more cash now than previous year.

Lisa – questioned, how soon do we get notified of empty lot to building?

Marc – OTC is often delayed, but we have to rely on their information for assessment value.

990 audit and financials posted on website up to 2023, awaiting finals for 2024.

Janay – how can people view the financials.

Marc – a stakeholder can request a meeting to view the financials with the Executive Director and Board Member or view 990 and financial audits online.

Financial Report approved – Lisa motioned and Kathy seconded.

Janay Opening Statement:

Welcomed everyone. She stated that she has been checking out other BIDs and organizations websites and looking for ideas, made suggestions on how to make it livelier and fun, but agreed no one else is doing a very good job.

Hasn't seen RWA, but has seen their collection bags around, so she knows they have been there, so all good. Also, hasn't seen many delivery people hanging out in the Rose Garden lately.

She has also been going out more to businesses and organizations to network and let people know about the good works of the BID.

Front & Girard

Marc gave an update on the Ambassadors welcome “blue box” - roof on the entire structure. Should be open and operating by Christmastime.

The Captain of the 26th, Brian Gress – has made an effort to have more police presence in the area. Noticed more wagons and bicycle officers in the intersection.

No updates on the Juice Bar to open at Front and Girard.

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.