



RICHMOND CORRIDOR ASSOCIATION

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Minutes from the RCA General Meeting – December 14, 2011

Location: Weber Display and Packaging
3500 Richmond Street, Philadelphia, PA 19134

Attendees: Lisa Charlton, President (J Cummings Co)
Larry Dooling, Vice President, (P.J. Dooling Tire Co.)
Bruce Richman, Treasurer, S.D. Richman Sons, Inc.)
Mark Kochanowicz, Secretary (Coating Development Group, Inc.)
Steve Horton (Manufacturers Alliance of Philadelphia)
George Groves (3001 Castor Inc.)
John Taintor, (Port Richmond Self Storage)
Ed Taintor, (Port Richmond Self Storage)
Jim Doherty (Weber Display & Packaging)
Lou Lesson (Sosmetal Products)
Liz Mertes (TD Bank)
Steven Truong (Green Dog Recycling)
Danny Truong (Green Dog Recycling)
Noreen Thompson (Tioga Pipe)
Michael Williams (Tow Decision)
Tom Citro (Zoning Consultant)

Time: 8:45 – 10:00 AM

1. Minutes from the November general meeting were self-read and approved after some minor corrections were noted.
2. Bruce Richman, Treasurer, reported that the RCA coffers hold \$16,825.85. Approximately 31 RCA members are paid up. Bruce recently paid an outstanding balance of \$215 to Steve Andrews for RCA Web site maintenance.
3. The members voted to let the PRIDE/RCA surveillance server in the 24th Police station basement fail without more money and time expenditures.
4. Lisa Charlton is still waiting for an updated price list for the removal and installation of cameras from HR Benjamin.
5. The Web site needs to be updated with 2012 membership application.
6. Steve Horton will give extra copies (15) of the new RCA Strategic Plan to Jim Doherty whom will mail to local state representatives.



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7. Liz Mertes from TD Bank talked about the Affinity program. She suggested that this is a good way to raise money for a non-profit organization such as RCA.
8. Tom Citro (215-535-7910), spoke on behalf of Green Dog Recycling and Tow Decision soliciting support for a variance to accept metals from the general public. The application number is 348247. They have been doing this for the last 18 months and now want to obtain a zoning variance. Bruce Richman asserted that the two companies were operating on one property and in violation of city regulations.
9. Lisa Charlton requested comments from RCA members to be sent to her privately about the matter described in #8.
10. Gryphin Company is being knocked down, leveled and filled. This is costing approximately \$250,000. A lien has been issued against the property owner. A shortfall in the removal cost will be paid by the general fund.
11. RCA received a \$127 tire roundup bounty from the City of Philadelphia. This will be added to the RCA fund.
12. The members got into a brief discussion on the surveillance cameras located at Richmond & Westmoreland streets. John and Ed Taintor from Port Richmond Self Storage suggested using a closed circuit system for future surveillance setups. RCA has not had a volunteer to assume the security/surveillance post duties since Mark Kochanowicz stepped down and became RCA's secretary.

Proposed RCA General Meeting Dates for 2012	
January 12 – PRPA	July – No Meeting Scheduled
February 8 – Weber	August – No Meeting Scheduled
March 8 – PRPA	September 13 – PRPA
April 11 – Weber	October 10 – Weber
May 10 – PRPA	November 8 – PRPA
June 13 – Weber	December 12 – Weber

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.

Minutes prepared by Mark Kochanowicz