

Richmond Corridor Association (RCA)

Monthly Organizational Meeting

December 12, 2012

Attendees: Larry Dooling (PJ Dooling Tire Co.), Bruce Richman (SD Richman Sons, Inc.), Noreen Thomson (Tioga Pipe Supply Co.), Jim Doherty (Weber Display & Packaging Co.), John Toner (M&T Bank), Steven Truong (Greendog Recycling), George Groves (3001 Castor Inc.), John Taintor (Port Richmond Public Storage), Ed Taintor (Port Richmond Public Storage), Regina Gorzkowski-Rossi (Polish Daily News), Steve Horton (MAP/RCA), Martha Doulos (Regal International Leathers), Alan Berg (Nupro Industries Inc.), Matt Mullin (City of Philadelphia).

- The Meeting was convened at Weber Display & Packaging Co.
- There were no Minutes to be reviewed from the previous meeting.
- Treasurer's Report: Current Balance is \$18,904.00

Committee Reports:

Safety/Security: There was no Report/Update from the 24th Police District.

Security Cameras: As a follow up to the official notice in October of our approval by the City Commerce Dept. / Pa. DCED of \$30,000 in public sector funds for the RCA-PRIDE proposal, a joint Committee was formed to move forward on next steps. The dollars will be divided into two segments. PRIDE will receive \$20,000 and RCA will receive \$10,000 from the grant. The idea is to create a joint surveillance system. Over the next couple of weeks the Committee will review proposals and select a Video Surveillance Vendor. There will a careful analysis of the various options regarding: equipment, installation, service/maintenance and warranties. The members of the Committee include: Joe Bennett (PTR Baler & Compactor), Rich Hoffman (H.R. Benjamin), Bow Lewis (PRIDE District Manager), Mark Kohanowicz (Coating Development Group), Bruce Richman (SD Richman & Sons), Steve Jurash (MAP), Steve Horton (MAP/RCA).

Membership: There are currently 24 paid Members.

Strategic Plan: Everyone agreed that we need to get this Document in the hands of Public Officials & Agencies, Foundations, Developers and other Resource Organizations to obtain financial support of the various Projects outlined in the Plan.

Ken Paul (PROPAC) will be using the RCA Plan as part of his presentation to the City Planning Commission's Citizens Planning Institute.

Old Business:

Tire Round Up: RCA received a Streets Dept. Award of \$105.50 for participating in this past summer's annual neighborhood Clean Up initiative.

MAP/RCA Contract Proposal: The members reviewed the Proposal. With the suggestion of adding the addresses of those who sign the document, the Contract was approved. The final Contract will be signed by the two parties by the next meeting in January.

New Business:

The Proposed 2013 Budget was reviewed and approved:

1. Insurance: \$1000.00
2. Donations: \$ 400.00
3. Security/Video Surveillance Equipment: \$3000.00
4. Website:\$300.00
5. Community Clean Ups: \$500.00
6. Grant Writer: \$2000.00 (Funds may be shifted to support the Video Surveillance Security System)
7. Miscellaneous: \$300.00
8. RCA-MAP Services Contract: \$3000.00
9. Promotional Events/Membership Recruitment: \$500.00

Total: \$11,000.00

Elections:

Nominations for RCA Officers/Board were made.

President: Larry Dooling

Vice President: George Groves

Treasurer: Bruce Richman

Secretary: Steve Truong

New Board Members: John Taintor, John Toner

The Slate was approved.

PROPAC:

The Community Group voiced its concern in correspondence about the latest proposal by Camden Iron and Steel to develop a high volume Heavy Equipment Metals Processing Plant (24hrs./Day-7Days/Wk.) on the current site of Rhino Recycling and the Philadelphia Regional Post Authority (PRPA) vacant parcel of land on East Tioga St. The land is currently Zoned I-3 (formerly LR) Heavy Industrial. There was a lengthy discussion about this proposed Project. Issues of concern included: Heavy and Oversized Street Traffic, Noise Levels, Metal Torching and Lancing Operations, Heavy Steel Processing, Permits/Licenses and Environmental Impact. The new Facility would replace the 26th & Penrose site that will be closing in the future. It was agreed that RCA will want to closely monitor this situation.

The Dates for the RCA 2013 Monthly Meetings were selected:

- Thursday January 10th @ PRPA
- Wednesday February 13th @ Weber
- Thursday March 14th @ PRPA
- Wednesday April 10th @ Weber
- Thursday May 9th @ PRPA
- Wednesday June 12th @ Weber
- Thursday September 12th @ PRPA
- Wednesday October 9th @ Weber
- Thursday November 14th @ PRPA
- Wednesday December 11th @ Weber

All meetings will start at 8:45am.

Media Update:

RCA Advertisement appeared in the October Pulaski Day Parade edition of the Polish Daily News.

Greenway Construction Project:

Work is proceeding on the Allegheny Ave. and Delaware Ave. portions of the Project. Scott Building Corp. is the General Contractor.

Donation:

Motion was approved to donate \$100.00 to the Port Richmond Civic Association for their Holiday Part.

The Meeting was adjourned.