

Richmond Corridor Association (RCA)

Meeting Minutes

Weber Display & Packaging Co.

April 10, 2013

Attendees: George Groves (3001 Castor Inc.), Liz Mertes (TD Bank), Barry McCarthy (MAP), Joe Campbell (Republic Services), Chad Shank (M&T Bank), John Toner (M&T Bank), Ed Taintor (Port Richmond Self Storage), John Taintor (Port Richmond Self Storage), Dan Fiorli (Durham School Services), David Keiser (Tioga Pipe co.), Danny Truong (Green Dog Recycling), William Hodgson (Weber Display & Packaging Co., Alan Berg (Nupro Industries), J. Wesnell (Andy & Nancy's Deli), Martha Doulos (Regal International Leathers), Mitch Cove (3001 E.Toga At.), Jim Anderson (Riverside Materials Inc.), Rich Raffo (Riverside Materials Inc.), Matt Mullin (City of Philadelphia), Larry Dooling (P.J. Dooling Tire), Officer Tina Willis (24th PD), Officer Carter (24th PD), Steve Horton (RCA-NEDS).

The Meeting was convened at 8:45am.

The March meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

The Treasurer's Report: Current Account balance is \$20,829.20.

Announcements:

- Steve Truong has left Green Dog Recycling to pursue a new job opportunity.
- Aaron Colsher recently left MAP for a new position in DC.
- Delaware River City Corp. is conducting its annual Spring Fling on May 16th @ the Quaker City Yacht Club, 7101 N. Delaware Ave. for more info. contact: www.drcc-phila.org.
- Motion was made and approved to make a \$100.00 donation for the St. George's Church spring festival.
- Martha Doulos suggested that RCA invite PGW to discuss their Group Purchasing Program and other services. It was agreed to invite them to the next meeting in may.
- RCA will also be inviting Contractor representatives to update RCA on the I-95 Reconstruction Project.
- The Citywide Clean Up will be Saturday April 13th from 8am-12noon. Our site has been approved by the Streets Dept. We will meet at Bonk's Tavern located @ Richmond & Tioga Sts. Equipment/Supplies will be provided. All RCA businesses are encouraged to come out and bring members of their staff to help out on this important Project.

Committee Updates:

- a. Security/Safety: Officers Willis provided and update on Monthly criminal activity (see attached). The 24th Police District is conducting its Officer of the Year Awards at Casbah's on May 15th. They are seeking donations. Also, Officer Carter reminded RCA about the Business Owner Notification Decal (BOND) Program. For more information, they can be reached at (215) 685-9963.
- b. Security Cameras: The City Commerce Department is still waiting for the Pa. Dept. of Community & Economic Development (DCED) in Harrisburg to release the funds for the various Philadelphia neighborhood projects. These dollars include the \$30,000 in RCA-PRIDE joint funds approved to upgrade the Security Camera system.
- c. Membership: There are currently 23 paid members. Membership outreach and recruitment is being conducted by Steve Horton.
- d. Strategic Plan: There is a need to schedule meetings with various public officials to promote the ideas/projects presented in the Plan.
- e. Media/Public Relations: No Update
- f. Website: No Update

The meeting then focused on the proposed Camden Iron Project for 3200 E. Tioga St. The company wants to use the current Rhino Recycling site and the adjacent PRPA site to develop a major processing facility. The operations would include the shearing, shredding and baling of a wide range of materials. This facility would replace the Penrose Ave. plant. There are estimates that there would be 200-300 trucks operating in and out of that facility, and on adjacent streets, each day (7am-11pm) carrying heavy metals. During the discussion, it appeared unclear how many new jobs would be created. PROPAC, the local Civic association/town watch group has voiced its strong opposition to the Project. Patty-Pat Kozlowski, former head of the group and long-time community activist, provided a detailed history of their decade long concern about the negative impact of this proposal on the overall neighborhood. This proposal has continued to linger for several years. She requested that RCA write a letter opposing this proposed project. George Groves made a motion to create the letter and submit it to PRPA and various public officials. The motion was approved.

The next item on the Agenda was a power point presentation by the Wynn Casino Project Team. Steve Wynn's proposal is one of six bidders vying for the 2nd Philadelphia Casino location. The proposal submitted to the Pa. License Gaming Control Board would develop the \$925 million Project along the waterfront on the site of the old Cramp Shipyard. One unique feature of the Project is the proposed 22 acres of open space as part of the overall Plan. They are also focusing their efforts on creating a large number of jobs, using local contractors for the construction and using local vendors/suppliers for their ongoing Casino operations. For more information, the Team can be reached at: www.WynnPhiladelphia.com.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30am.

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