



# RICHMOND CORRIDOR ASSOCIATION

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Richmond Corridor Association (RCA)

Monthly Organizational Meeting

February 13, 2013

Time: 8:45 – 10:00

Attendees: Larry Dooling (PJ Dooling Tire Co.), Jim Doherty (Weber Display & Packaging Co.), John Toner (M&T Bank), Steven Truong (Greendog Recycling), George Groves (3001 Castor Inc.), Steve Horton (RCA NEDS), Martha Doulos (Regal International Leathers), Alan Berg (Nupro Industries Inc.), Matt Mullin (City of Philadelphia), Aaron Colsher (MAP/UII), Officer Laurie Carter (24<sup>th</sup> District), Officer Tina Willis (24<sup>th</sup> District)

- The Meeting was convened at Weber Display & Packaging- 3500 Richmond St, Philadelphia, PA 19134
- The minutes from the January general meeting were self-read and approved.
- Treasurer's Report: Current Balance is \$20,483.19

## Committee Reports:

Safety/Security: Officer Tina Willis and Officer Laurie Carter were present at the meeting and provide an update on crime stats located in the RCA. Jan Stats include:

-Rob-6; Agg-2; Burg-10; Theft- 50; Stolen auto- 9; (Arrest – 10)

Security Cameras: Waiting for grant disbursement. Aaron Colsher discussed a new City initiative to provide financial assistance for business owners installing security cameras. Details and an application are attached.

Membership: Discussion on redraft of contract, and need for continual outreach to potential new members.

Strategic Plan: Group discussion on possibility of working towards a Port Enterprise Zone or a Keystone Opportunity Zones for areas covered by MAP/RCA. Group discussion on the need for support from 1<sup>st</sup> (Mark Squilla) and 6<sup>th</sup> (Bobby Henon) City council districts, as well as, State Rep John Taylor.

-This zone would cover Zip codes : 19134, 19124, and 19137.



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-Aaron Colsher stated that MAP/RCA would need to demonstrate to the city and state commerce departments that MAP/RCA has the personnel and ability to run a KOZ, as well as handle reporting requirements.

Insurance: Larry Dooling discussed renewal of insurance policy. There is an increase in insurance premium to \$742, about a hundred dollar increase.

Clean-up: Matt Mullin stated that the official date will be April 13, 2012.

-Larry Dooling stated that it would be a good idea to invest in two dozen vests, and have RCA logo printed on the back. There was a group discussion and consensus in agreement for the purchase of the vests.

New Business:

Ken Paul- PROPAC President

Ken Paul introduced himself to the RCA as President of the Port Richmond On Patrol and Civic Association (PROPAC). He announced that PROPAC is currently the registered community organization (RCO) for area (Lehigh Ave to Lewis St).

-Propac lead a rally 2 weeks ago in support for a senior center to be developed in the Port Richmond area. The senior center would comprise of 60 units for low income residents.

-Propac suggested that RCA and Propac could work on joint community clean up or community garden projects

-Ken Paul stated that he presented the RCA strategic plan to the City planning commission during his time completing a City planning course offered to various leaders of registered community organizations. The strategic plan received positive feedback, and Ken Paul and PROPAC is looking to formally endorse the strategic plan with a letter from PROPAC.

Upcoming Meetings:

March 14, 2013 – PRPA

April 10, 2013 –Weber