

Richmond Corridor Association (RCA)

Meeting Minutes

Weber Display & Packaging Co. Inc.

June 12, 2013

Attendees: George Groves (3001 Castor Inc.), Larry Dooling (P.J. Dooling Tire Co.) Steve Horton (RCA/NEDS), Chad Shank (M&T Bank), Alan Berg (Nupro Industries), Ned Rauch-Mannino (Ridge Policy Group), Joe Casey (Groundwater Environmental Services), Jim Doherty (Weber Display & Packaging), Mark Kochanowicz (Coating Development Group), John Taintor (Port Richmond Self Storage), Matt Mullin (City of Philadelphia, MDO), E. Barry McCarthy (MAP), Mitch Cove (3000 E. Tioga St.), Craig Pataky (Western Terminal Co.) Lou Lessen (Sosmetal Products), Bruce Richman (S.D. Richman Sons Inc.).

The Meeting was convened at 8:49am.

The May meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

The Treasurer's Report: Current Account balance is \$20,747.04.

Committee Updates:

- a. Security/Safety: No Update, No representatives from the 24th District present.
- b. Security Cameras: The City Commerce Department continues to wait for the Pa. Dept. of Community & Economic Development (DCED) in Harrisburg to release funds. There will be a follow up with the City to determine the status. Individual firms can still apply for a partial rebate on pre-approved security/safety building improvements. The Program application form is downloadable from our website. For more information on the Safe-Cam Program please contact: Linda Lawrence at the Commerce Dept., (215) 683-2172.
- c. Membership: There are currently 28 paid members. Membership outreach and recruitment continues to be conducted by Steve Horton. The Membership Reception/Event, with various Public Officials, is tentatively scheduled for the morning of Thursday August 15th. The event will be held at the Columbia Club located at 3529 Almond St. (Tioga & Almond Streets, (215) 634-0406). This date is subject to change depending upon the availability of the Elected Officials. Stay tuned for more details.
- d. Strategic Plan: No Update
- e. Media/Public Relations: No Update
- f. Website: www.rcassociation.org. Steve Andrews is our Website Designer/Editor.
- g. Clean Up: The Annual Tire Round Up will take place on Saturday July 27th.

New Business:

Representatives from the Ridge Policy Group (Ned Rauch-Mannino) and Groundwater Environmental Services (GES) (Joe Casey) made a power-point presentation about their range of services available to the area businesses. One of their areas of special focus is assisting firms with storm water run-off compliance, on-site environmental assessments and in the ground remediation services. There are certain business incentives available to firms who utilize these programs. The Pa. Act 2 Program, enacted in 1995, provides an array of programs under the Land Recycling Program. The most significant of these items is the Special Industrial Area (SIA) designation which encompasses the entire RCA area. The SIA business areas around the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are eligible for financial assistance in addressing some of the on-site costs, as well as receive relief on some regulatory requirements. They are currently working with a number of firms in these SIA targeted areas within Exton, Altoona, Williamsport and Pittsburgh. Their websites are: www.ridgepolicygroup.com and www.gesonline.com.

In addition, the entire RCA membership was invited to attend an upcoming event hosted by the Marcellus Shale Coalition on July 31st (1:30-6:30pm) at the Hyatt Regency located at Penn's Landing, 201 South Christopher Columbus Blvd. This will be an opportunity for businesses to network and find out about potential opportunities in this emerging energy sector of the State economy. To RSVP please contact: Shari Williams, (215) 790-3622 and swilliams@marcelluscoalition.org.

For further information about these and other related projects/services please contact:

Joe Casey, (484) 401-6286, jcasey@gesonline.com

Ned Rauch-Mannino, (202) 568-8106, nrauch-mannino@ridgepolicygroup.com.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:11am.

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