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Minutes from the RCA General Meeting – November 14, 2013

Location: Weber Display & Packaging (Weber)
3500 Richmond Street, Philadelphia, PA 19134

Attendees:

George Groves – 3001 Castor Inc.
Larry Dooling – PJ Dooling Tire
Mark Kochanowicz – Coating Development Group, Inc.
Alan S. Berg – Nupro
William Hodgson – Weber
Bruce Richman – S.D. Richman & Sons
Martha Doulas – Regal Int'l Leather
Steve Horton – RCA – NEDS
Chad Shank – M & T Bank
Matt Mullin – City of Philadelphia
Nreese Thompson – Tioga Pipe Supply
Don Brennan – PRPA
Jim D. Paolo – Port Richmond Tool
Ed Kradoska – JECA

Time: 8:45 – 9:45 AM

1. Minutes from the September general meeting were self-read and approved.
2. Bruce Richman, Treasurer, announced that RCA's fund is \$19188.53. Thirty-three (33) members are paid up including three (3) for this and next year.
3. The RCA Fall neighborhood cleanup was deemed a success. About 20 people showed up. Most of the volunteers consisted of paid employees of RCA members. About 2 to 3 tons of trash was collected and removed by the City of Philadelphia. RCA received a check for \$130 for the tires that were collected.
4. S.D. Richman & Sons is being sued by a guy who tripped outside their property. This person is also suing RCA and the City of Philadelphia. This situation is in the hands of the lawyers of the CAN insurer.
5. RCA Board of Directors meeting will be held on December 5, 2013. A budget for 2014 will be on the agenda as well as nominating new board members for 2-year terms.



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6. Steve Horton continues to solicit new members on behalf of RCA and gives a report to Bruce Richman.
7. George Groves and Steve Horton plan to meet with Liz Waldren of DCED about RCA's wishes for a Port Enterprise Zone in its areas within the 19134, 19127 & 19137 zip codes. This would be great for tax benefits and favorable loans for businesses within the zone.
8. Penndot continues it's construction of I-95 within our area. Many streets, between Richmond St to the Delaware river will be ripped up to install new aqueducts to handle the water from I-95 drainage.
9. The RCA sponsored breakfast meeting had a good turnout. 40 people attended, 8 to 10 of which were RCA members. Representative Taylor and City Controller Al Butkowicz were also present. Some speeches were given. There is an opportunity to hold another breakfast with Senator Pat Toomey in the spring. The event was held at the Columbia club on Almond Street and cost about \$565.
10. The Steve Wynn Casino project in our area is dead. There will be no impact to RCA. 100 acres along the waterfront will continue to remain undeveloped.
11. Guidelines for short dumping are: Call 311 first to get a case number and identify yourself as RCA. Then call the citywide unit of the sanitation department. Lastly, follow up with an email to william.lorch@phila.gov thanking them for their assistance.
12. The members in attendance agreed that any company looking for help from RCA needs to join first before any action requests.

Meeting adjourned at 9:57 AM.

Minutes prepared by Mark Kochanowicz

Upcoming Meetings: December 11, 2013 at PRPA.