



RICHMOND CORRIDOR ASSOCIATION

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Minutes from the RCA General Meeting – April 09, 2014

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

Attendees:

Larry Dooling – PJ Dooling Tire
George Groves – 3001 Castor Inc.
Bruce Richman – S.D. Richman and Sons
Mark Kochanowicz – Coating Development Group, Inc.
Steve Horton – RCA – NEDS
Martha Doulas – Regal Int'l Leather
Tariq Darvez – TD Bank
Tony Leonard – Impact Loan Fund
David Keiser – Tioga Pipe Supply
Matt Mullin – City of Philadelphia
John Taintor – Port Richmond Self Storage
Ed Taintor – Port Richmond Self-Storage
Cara Rossi – M&T Bank
Jim Doherty – Weber Display & Packaging
Alan S. Berg – Nupro
Mitch Cove – 3000 E. Tioga Street
Jan Newton – Green Dog Recycling
Lou Lesson – Sosmetal
Tom Branigan – DRCC

Time: 8:45 – 9:55 AM

1. Minutes from the March general meeting were read aloud and approved by the members.
2. Bruce Richman, Treasurer, stated that the RCA's fund is \$20,408.92 and 28 members have paid for the year 2014.
3. Steve Horton continues to knock on the doors of local businesses, even outside of our geographic area, on behalf of RCA. If you have a contact person of a company within RCA to please forward that information and he will pay them a visit. Bruce Richman receives a detailed list of his visits and efforts on a monthly basis.
4. The Spring Cleanup occurred on April 5, 2014. About 15 volunteers came out to participate.



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5. The RCA Spring Breakfast will occur at the Columbia Club on Almond Street on May 2, 2014 at 8:45 pm. Local politicians are expected to be in attendance. TD Bank will bill contributing \$1000 to sponsor the event.
6. The membership voted to donate \$500 to the St George School after it experienced a break-in and lost some donation money.
7. Larry Dooling led the group on a discussion on healthcare costs and declining coverage. Several members discussed their recent experiences and ways of continuing coverage for their respective workforce. It was stated that Wellness plans help cut costs slightly and smokers hurt rates. Some employers are passing that assessment to the employees whom smoke.
8. George Groves and Steve Horton recommended that RCA use its strategic plan and request state funding or tax relief under a Keystone Opportunity Zone (KOZ). Pennsylvania's two senators can make it happen. We should be lobbying in May.
9. Tony Leonard from the Impact Loan Fund discussed his agency's offers of small loan funds (up to \$75,000) to local businesses. The office is located at Allegheny Avenue and Emerald Street. www.impactservices.org 215-423-2944 x 137.
10. Tom Branigan from the Delaware River City Corporation (DRCC) discussed the recently completed segment of the Port Richmond trail which transverses on Delaware Avenue from Allegheny Avenue to Lewis Street. Plans include stretching the trail to the Glen Ford Mansion. Currently there is construction north of Lewis Street. A bridge will be built to cross the Frankford creek. www.drcc-phila.org

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 AM.

Next Meeting: May 8, 2014 at DRPA.

Minutes prepared by Mark Kochanowicz