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Minutes from the RCA General Meeting – February 12, 2014

Location: Philadelphia Regional Port Authority (PRPA)
3460 N. Delaware Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19134

Attendees:

George Groves – 3001 Castor Inc.
Larry Dooling – PJ Dooling Tire
Bruce Richman – S.D. Richman and Sons
Mark Kochanowicz – Coating Development Group, Inc.
Cara Rossi – M&T Bank
Jim Klem – M&T Bank
John Taintor – Port Richmond Self Storage
Ed Taintor – Port Richmond Self Storage
Martha Doulas – Regal Int'l Leather
Steve Horton – RCA – NEDS
John Newton – Grendog Recycling
Alan S. Berg – Nupro
Ken Paul – PROPAC
Mitch Cove – 3000 E. Tioga St, LLC
Captain Daniel O'Connor – Philadelphia Police Department
Police Officer Laurie Carter – Philadelphia Police Department

Time: 8:55 – 9:40 AM

1. Minutes from the January general meeting were read aloud and approved by the members.
2. Bruce Richman, Treasurer, stated that the RCA's fund is \$20,366.42 and that 15 of 37 members have paid for the year 2014.
3. Matt Mullins announced that a citywide cleanup will be held on April 5, 2014. RCA will participate and meet outside of Bonk's Bar & Grill at 9 am.
4. Steve Horton informed the members in attendance about the solicitation meeting held by the city's commerce department. Basically Steve said that there are a lot of issues involved and that almost all of the participants were returning from previous years. The chance of meeting the minimum requirements were slim. One reason is that participants need to qualify as a Community Development Corporation (CDC). More work will have to



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be done in the future, including partnering with a 503c, if RCA is to be seriously considered.

5. George Groves provided unique insight into Camden Iron's plan to remain and expand in our area. George contends that the company does not have the appropriate licenses to operate properly. A belief is that the land is supposed to be used for maritime use. PROPAC has concerns that it may negatively impact Port Richmond and continues to monitor the operation of the facility..
6. George Groves is in charge of organizing the RCA spring breakfast.
7. Shoprite was awarded a \$400,000 grant from the City of Philadelphia to retrofit a \$440,000 storm-water remediation.
8. Cara Rossi from M&T Bank spoke about insurance services that her company offered to businesses.
9. Police Officer Laurie Carter introduced the new captain of the 24th district, Daniel O'Connor and gave a brief crime report of the incidents in our area. Detailed information can be found on the PPD Web site. Most crime involved retail theft and theft from automobiles.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 AM.

Next Meeting: March 13, 2014 at PRPA.
Minutes prepared by Mark Kochanowicz