

Richmond Corridor Association (RCA) Monthly General Meeting
@ Weber Display & Packaging Inc.
Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2014

Attendance: Larry Dooling (P.J. Dooling Tire Co.), Tariq Parvez (TD Bank), Bruce Richman (S.D. Richman & Sons Inc.), Steve Horton (RCA-NEDS), Ed Taintor (Port Richmond Self Storage), Tony Vasquez (CRAMCO Inc.), Matt Mullin (City of Philadelphia, MDO), Ed Kradoska (JECA Corp.), Martha Doulos (Regal International Leather), Jim Doherty III (Weber Display & Packaging Inc.), Cara Rossi (M&T Bank), Alan Berg (NUPRO Corp/Neatsfoot Oil), David Keiser (Tioga Pipe Co.), Jan Newton (Greendog Recycling).

The meeting was convened at 8:50am.

The Minutes from the May 8th meeting were reviewed and approved.

The Treasurer's Report made by Bruce Richman: Account Balance - \$19,133.92

Committee Reports:

Safety/Security: No updates, no one from the 24th Police District was present.

Membership: There are currently 31 paid members out of 36 on the target list. Steve Horton visited 36 area businesses during the month of May. The outreach focused on recruiting new members from the adjacent neighborhoods.

Strategic Plan: No update.

Media/Public Relations: No Update.

Tire Round Up / Clean Up (Saturday August 16th): Volunteers and Trucks needed.
Fall Clean Up (Saturday October 11th): Volunteers and Trucks needed

Website (www.rcassociation.org): Larry Dooling and several others indicated there is a need to update and improve the RCA website. We are looking for photographs / videos of the RCA businesses and other business materials. In addition, businesses are asked to send their suggestions to Larry on ways to enhance the site. Steve Horton suggested that there be a Business Resource tab that bundles together all of the various business programs & resources that are available (i.e. SafeCam, Impact Loan Fund, Real Estate Tax Abatements, etc.). Ed Kradoska, immediately after the meeting, suggested that we create a Public Information tab to announce news like the Brazilian Lumber/Timber Company coming to Tioga Terminal, the extension of North Delaware Ave., etc. A Committee will take the ideas and work with our Website Designer, Steve Andrews, to improve the Website over the next couple of months.

Old Business: There was a discussion about the Pothole problem and the overall condition of area Roads. Matt Mullin encouraged everyone to utilize the (311) Calling System so they can get a tracking number. This will help in all follow ups to get the various situations corrected. Martha Doulos noted that the City should take a look at Chicago on best practices for Street maintenance.

The poor condition of East Ontario St. was also discussed. Even though it is a dead end, the entire Street needs to be rebuilt. In the RCA Plan, there is a recommendation to open the Street through to Delaware Ave.

The ongoing Shortdumping issue was covered. RCA needs everyone to do their part. This includes helping out on Clean Up days, Reporting problems to (311) when piles are spotted and calling (911) when people are seen in the act of dumping.

New Business: Larry Dooling reminded everyone that the Board Elections will take place at the December 10th RCA Meeting meeting which will be held at Weber Display & Packaging Inc. We need businesses to volunteer to be candidates for the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55am.

Submitted by SDH