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## **Minutes from the RCA General Meeting – March 13, 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.  
Chad Shank – M&T Bank  
Martha Doulas – Regal Int'l Leather  
Steve Horton – RCA – NEDS  
Tariq Darvez – TD Bank  
Bow Lewis – UII/MAP  
Christina Rockwell – UII/MAP  
Ed Kradoska – Jeca Corporation  
William Hodgson – Weber Display & Packaging  
Mike Cooper PIDC  
David Keiser – Tioga Pipe Supply  
Matt Mullin – City of Philadelphia

**Time:** 8:45 – 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 \$20,708.92 and that 23 members have paid for the year 2014.
3. Steve Horton continues to knock on the doors of local businesses on behalf of RCA. He recommended to the membership, that if you have a contact person of a company within RCA to please forward that information and he will pay them a visit.
4. Larry Dooling reported on the groundbreaking ceremony of the Port Richmond trail that occurred last 03/05/14. Plans are to take the trail up to Orthodox Street in Bridesburg but there is a hurdle because a bridge has to be built over the Frankford Creek to do so. The Buckley Company is the contractor.
5. Tioga Marine terminal recently announced a new expansion contract.



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6. The RCA Breakfast Event will occur on May 2, 2014 at the Columbia Club on Almond St. Many politicians are expected to attend including some gubernatorial candidates.
7. Georg Groves announced the news that John McDonald from Impact Services is retiring in July.
8. George also discuss the importance that RCA should get involved with the application of Port Richmond being declared an Enterprise Zone. The zone will extend 1 mile westward from the Delaware river.
9. I-95 is expanding eastward 80 feet instead of the originally planned 40 feet. This will impact many businesses along the I-95 corridor in our area. Aqueducts will also need to be dug and installed in most streets to handle the storm water flow from the highway. This will probably cause a huge problem with traffic flow along our streets (Tioga, Venango, etc...).
10. CSX railroad wants to put a spur behind the Philadelphia Regional Port Authority (PRPA) to hold 20 cars containing solvent.
11. The Spring Cleanup will be held on April 5, 2014. Meeting at 9 am outside of Bonk's Bar & Grill.
12. L&I will be sending a letter to Camden Iron to cease and desist.
13. George Groves mentioned that the waiting line to speak with L&I at the Municipal Services Building is about 4 hours long. The city recently announced that every license will require a clearance from the city's tax revenue department. It is a good idea to obtain a timestamp on all documents and checks.
14. Tariq Darvez announced the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new TD Bank at (near Wal-Mart) will occur on March 22, 2014. All are invited to the ceremony will will begin around 8:30 am.
15. Mike Cooper from PIDC spoke to the RCA membership and discuss the benefits they can provide a company. Areas of help include real estate and finances. Contact info: [mcooper@pidc-pa.org](mailto:mcooper@pidc-pa.org) 215-496-8183.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 AM.

Next Meeting: April 9, 2014 at Weber.

Minutes prepared by Mark Kochanowicz