



RICHMOND CORRIDOR ASSOCIATION

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Minutes from the RCA General Meeting – September 11, 2014

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

Attendees:

Larry Dooling – PJ Dooling Tire
Bruce Richman – S.D. Richman and Sons
Mark Kochanowicz – Coating Development Group, Inc.
Martha Doulos – Regal Int'l Leather
Tariq Parvez – TD Bank
Mario Pizzichini – TD Bank
Mike Zulawski – TD Bank
Steve Keiser – TD Bank
Matt Mullin – City of Philadelphia
Cara Rossi – M & T Bank
John Taintor – Port Richmond Self Storage
Christina Rockwell – MAP/UII
Alan S. Berg – Nupro
Craig Pataky – Westway Terminal Co., LLC
David Keiser – Tioga Pipe Supply

Time: 8:45 – 9:35 AM

1. Minutes from the June general meeting were read and approved by the members.
2. Bruce Richman, Treasurer, stated that RCA's bank account holds \$19,003.92. Westway Terminal doubled paid their membership dues. We currently have 36 paid members. Members still owing dues include: 3001 Castor, Inc., Bonk's, Polonia Bank, United Rentals.
3. On August 16, 2014, as part of the tire roundup, 244 tires were collected.
4. Mark Kochanowicz caught a short dumping in progress on camera and threatened to turn over the evidence to the police unless he cleaned up his mess and left immediately. The perpetrator complied. It was a sub-contractor.
5. Martha Doulos called 311 to report a short-dumping in near Regal Leather. She stated that the city cleaned up the mess the following day.



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6. The next cleanup will occur on October 11, 2014 at 9 am. Meet at Bonk's at Tioga and Richmond streets.
7. The RCA Web site has been updated with relevant pictures. Gone are residential and generic pictures of the RCA neighborhood. In are industrial and commercial property images. The Web site is still a work in progress. A link on the site should be established to include helpful resources. A brief discussion of social media came up and it was determined that if RCA went this route, then establishing a Linked-In account would be the best fit rather than Facebook or Twitter.
8. A moment of silence was observed at 9:03 am for the victims of 911.
9. The next Breakfast Meeting is set for November 14, 2014. TD Bank will be setting up a table. RCA will ask politicians to address specific talking points. Some ideas for taking points include:
 - a. Opening up of Ontario Street
 - b. Stormwater tax
 - c. Short dumping.
 - d. Ramifications of PennDot construction in Port Richmond and how the city can help financially with RCA businesses during this period.
 - e. Who do we call if a business can't operate on a particular day due to the construction?
10. Alan Berg suggested that an agency should be established by the city of Philadelphia whose sole purpose would be to interced with local manufacturers and the agencies such as License & Inspections (L&I), state and federal regulatory agencies. Alan stated that the city could use this agency as a selling point to retain or attract businesses. Christina Rockwell stated that there is an agency established already, the Office of Manufacturing led by Michael Cooper.
11. Cars are being torched and abandoned on Conrail property near Riverside Materials.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 AM.

Next Meeting: October 8, 2014 at Weber.

Minutes prepared by Mark Kochanowicz