

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

February 11, 2015

Attendance: Larry Dooling (P.J. Dooling Tire Co.), Cara Rossi (M&T Bank), Joe Perez (Ransome-Idealease), Marc Montanaro (Ransome-Idealease), Jim Doherty III (Weber Display & Packaging Co.), John Taintor (Port Richmond Self Storage), Ed Taintor (Port Richmond Self Storage), Matt Mullin City of Philadelphia-MDO), Mark Kohanowicz (Coating Development Group), Steve Horton (RCA-NEDS), Martha Doulos (Regal International Leather), Alan Berg (NUPRO Corp/Neatsfoot Oil), David Keiser (Tioga Pipe Co.), George Groves (3001 Castor Inc.), Officer Tina Willis (24th Police District).

The meeting was convened at 8:50am.

The Minutes from the January 8th Meeting were reviewed and approved.

The Treasurer's Report was made remotely by Bruce Richman:
Account Balance: **\$19,455.32.**

Committee Reports:

Safety/Security: Officer Tina Willis provided a detailed report of activities in the area during the month of January. RCA is located within 24th Police District Police Service Area (PSA) #3. Crime Stats are down 5% from last year. The target this year is to reduce Crime Rates by more than 15%. She encouraged all businesses to utilize the City Commerce Department's SafeCam Program which provides a 50% rebate (up to \$3,000) for businesses who invest in exterior Video Surveillance Security Systems. It was also noted that an area Power Washing Business is operating illegally by tapping the water from a Fire Hydrant located at between Schiller & Tioga without a permit.

Membership: 2015 Membership Invoices have been sent out. Currently, there are 14 Paid Members. Everyone was encouraged to submit their Membership Dues. Steve Horton continues to conduct site visits to area businesses.

Strategic Plan: There was a City Planning Commission neighborhood public meeting held on Tuesday January 13th that focused on the River Wards. George Groves, Ken Paul and Steve Horton attended the event. The RCA Strategic Plan was shared with one of the Focus Groups. The issue of the proposed opening Ontario St. to Delaware Ave. was discussed. There are a number of obstacles: acquisition of the PRPA property needed for the construction of the Road extension, and the Federal regulations requiring closure of an existing railroad crossing if a new crossing is built. Everyone was also reminded to continually check the I-95 Website: www.95revive.com for updates.

Also, there will be PENNDOT Meeting to be held on Wednesday February 25th @ 5:00pm. The Agenda will focus on a discussion of the proposed Richmond Street improvement alternatives between Ann Street and Allegheny Avenue.

Media/Public Relations: No Update.

Website (www.rcassociation.org): Mark Kohanowicz and Steve Horton met with our Website Designer (Steve Andrews-Digital Tailoring by Steve). They continue to move forward in making a number of Site changes and improvements.

Old Business: David Keiser will contact the ISS Management to attend the March meeting to discuss their Stormwater Management Engineering services. The company provided professional advice and recommendations to businesses in the Port Richmond Industrial Development Enterprise (PRIDE) area.

Jim Doherty noted that City Council continues to move forward towards the passage of the mandatory Paid Sick Day legislation.

Matt Mullin provided several updates on CLIP. He noted Graffiti Removal will resume once the weather improves.

George Groves will contact the Premier Energy Group to attend the April meeting so they can present ways their Company can help businesses save money on their energy costs. The firm has worked with several Manufacturing Alliance firms.

New Business: RCA will register to participate in the Citywide Spring Clean Up. The Event will take place on: Saturday April 11th (9:00am-12noon). The meeting location will be @ P.J. Dooling Tire Co., 2820 E. Tioga St.

There was a brief discussion about having a Spring Breakfast meeting in late April or early May. The focus will be the upcoming Municipal Election Primary to be held on May 19th. All of the Mayoral and City Council candidates will be invited. The details will be finalized at the March meeting.

Also, it was announced that there will be a Special Election for Mike Stack's State Senate (District #5) seat in March.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05am.

Submitted by Steve Horton