

Richmond Corridor Association (RCA) Monthly General Meeting  
@ Philadelphia Regional Port Authority (PRPA)  
Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2015

Attendance: Larry Dooling (P.J. Dooling Tire Co.), Bruce Richman (S.D. Richman & Sons Inc.), Steve Horton (RCA-NEDS), John Taintor (Port Richmond Self-Storage), Martha Doulos (Regal International Leather), Alan Berg (NUPRO Corp/Neatsfoot Oil), David Keiser (Tioga Pipe Co.), George Groves (3001 Castor Inc.), Officer Tina Willis (24<sup>th</sup> Police District).

The meeting was convened at 8:55am.

The Minutes from the December 10th Meeting were reviewed and approved. One addition was made to include the fact that Weber Display & Packaging Co. also had an Information & Marketing Booth at the Joint Business Breakfast held at the Columbia Club on November 14<sup>th</sup>.

The Treasurer's Report was made by Bruce Richman:  
Account Balance: **\$17,895.92.**

Committee Reports:

Safety/Security: Officer Tina Willis provided a detailed report of activities in the area during the month of December. RCA is in PSA (Police Service Area) #3. The 2014 Crime Stats are down from 2013. There were 214 neighborhood children served at Holiday Parties at Cohoxsink Rec. Center and Juniata Boys & Girls Club in December. Also, there is currently an offer by Cancer Centers of America, which has a facility in the 24<sup>th</sup> District on Wyoming Ave., to purchase Dirt Bikes for the Police Department.

Membership: With the arrival of the New Year, this is the time for all current Members to renew, and for new Members to join the Association. 2015 Invoices will be sent out. Alan Berg and Steve Horton will visit some businesses over the next several weeks. It was suggested and approved that we get some RCA business Cards printed when we conduct business outreach. Alan Berg will follow up on the idea. There was also a brief discussion about raising the Dues. That decision will be left for the new Officers/Board.

Strategic Plan: No update. Copies are available for Members. Also, there is a City Planning Commission public meeting scheduled on Tuesday January 13<sup>th</sup> that will focus on the River Wards. George Groves and Steve Horton will attend the event.

Media/Public Relations: No Update. It was suggested that RCA present some of its activities and plans to the Philadelphia Business Journal & Inquirer for publication. We will need to identify someone to follow up.

Website ([www.rcassociation.org](http://www.rcassociation.org)): Mark Kohanowicz and Steve Horton will be meeting with our Website Designer (Steve Andrews-Digital Tailoring by Steve) to proceed with a number of changes and improvements. George Groves would like to place a tribute to Bill Parker, Sr. on the Website.

Old Business:

The 2015 Officers are:

Cara Rossi, President  
George Groves, Vice President  
Bruce Richman, Treasurer  
Steve Horton, Interim Secretary

2015 Board Members:

Larry Dooling  
David Keiser  
Alan Berg  
Martha Doulos  
Mark Kohanowicz

Area Real Estate Updates: The AAA Welding and Jimmie's Used Auto Parts properties have been sold to developers. The Butler Foods site sale is still pending.

New Business: There was consensus that we need to invite Speakers to future meetings. Topics could include: the Police Department's **BOND** (Business Owner Notification Decal) Program and the City Revenue Department's new **Business Tax Exemption** policies.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00am.

Submitted by Steve Horton