

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

January 14, 2015

Attendance: Larry Dooling (P.J. Dooling), Bruce Richman (S.D. Richman & Sons), Steve Horton (RCA-NEDS), Cara Rossi (M&T Bank), Mark Kochanowicz (CDG), Matt Mullin (City of Philadelphia-CLIP), John Taintor (Port Richmond Self Storage), Ed Taintor (Port Richmond Self Storage).

The meeting was convened at 8:50am.

The Minutes from the December 9th Meeting were reviewed and approved.

The Treasurer's Report was submitted by Bruce Richman: Account Balance: **\$17,397.42**. The 2016 Budget was Approved.

Committee Reports:

Safety/Security: The 24th Police District was not present. No Update.

Membership: 2016 Membership Invoices are being sent out. Steve Horton continues to conduct outreach and make site visits to area businesses. Everyone was encouraged to pass along potential leads for follow up. Several people noted that the overall attendance at the Monthly Meetings has fallen off since June of last year. Bachmann Industries (Toy Train manufacturers) has recently joined RCA.

Strategic Plan: No Update.

Media/Public Relations: No Update.

Website: (www.rcassociation.org): All Businesses were encouraged to check out the new features and information on the RCA Website.

CLIP/Infrastructure Report: Matt Mullin announced the opening of the newest Sanitation Convenience Center located at 3901 N. Delaware Ave. (Delaware Ave. & Wheatshaf Lane). The Center, which is open Monday-Saturday 8:00am.-6:00pm, is for residents to drop off electronics, appliances, furniture, a small quantity of personal vehicle tires, as well as regular trash & recycling.

Old Business:

There was a discussion about inviting guest speakers to future meetings to provide attendees with valuable information and increase attendance. Some of the ideas that were mentioned included: M&T Bank's "Business Killers" presentation, PECO Business Energy Programs and PWD Stormwater Management Investment Program incentives.

The discussion, from earlier meetings, continued about the idea to have a few special meetings a year. The idea is to gather occasionally at different times and locations so that RCA can attract more Businesses, as well as provide a forum for Public Officials to attend and understand organizational issues and concerns. A decision on the specifics will be made at the next meeting.

Bruce Richman and Steve Horton will reserve a P.O. Mail Box for **RCA** at the Bridesburg Post Office (19137) for all correspondence.

New Business:

With Tax Season here, Steve Horton reminded all firms to check with their Accountants & Financial Advisors to make sure they file for the City of Philadelphia BIRT Business Tax Exemption. Information is available on the Website.

Cara Rossi offered to speak with the members of PRIDE on the steps they took to become a City Planning Commission (CPC) Registered Community Organization (RCO). That status requires all applicants on Zoning matters, in a specific target area, to appear and present their Projects at a regular RCO organizational meeting. The RCO then reviews the plans and submits its decision to the Zoning Board of Adjustments (ZBA). It was agreed that the idea of RCA possibly becoming an RCO should be discussed and considered at the next meeting.

Matt Mullin and Steve Horton announced that the Citywide Spring Clean Up will take place on Saturday April 9th.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:40am.

Submitted by Steve Horton