

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

June 8, 2016

Attendance: Cara Rossi (M&T Bank), Bruce Richman (S.D. Richman & Sons), Steve Horton (RCA-NEDS), Ed Arevalo (Westway Terminal), John Wisely (Westway Terminal), Jim Doherty (Weber Display & Packaging), Irene Coia (Washington Savings Bank), Ed Taintor (Port Richmond Self Storage), Matt Mullin (City of Phila. MDO/CLIP), Mark Kochanowicz (Coating Development Group), Regina Gorzkowski-Rossi (Friends of Pulaski Park), Tumonna Fisher (Philadelphia Regional Port Authority-PRPA).

The meeting was convened at 8:55am.

There were Roundtable introductions.

The Minutes from the May 12th Meeting were reviewed and approved.

The Treasurer's Report was submitted by Bruce Richman:
Account Balance: **\$18,179.27**

Committee Reports:

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

Membership: Currently, there are 21 Paid Members. The Target is to recruit 37 members. The second round of 2016 Membership Invoices have been sent out. Steve Horton continues to conduct outreach and make site visits to area businesses. Everyone was encouraged to pass along potential business leads for follow up.

Strategic Plan: Members were asked to begin collecting their ideas and suggestions during the summer so that a new 5 year Plan (2017-2022) can be created. A Committee will need to be formed in the Fall to work on this Project.

Media/Public Relations: No Update.

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

CLIP/Infrastructure Report: Matt Mullin reported that the CLIP Program continues to provide quality of life improvement services throughout the area. A request was made for a site inspection and cleaning of the vacant lot located at 3501 Richmond St.

Old Business:

There was a continuation of the discussion about ways to increase the number of firms who attend meetings. Suggestions were made to hold a few meetings each year at different times. Those in attendance agreed that the October 12th meeting will be held at the Yards Brewing Co., 901N. Delaware Ave. (5:00-7:00pm.)

New Business: Jim Doherty and Mark Kochanowicz were notified of a proposed change in Zoning for 3421 Richmond St. (Units #102 & #103) to a private Social Club. They voiced their concern and shared the public meeting notice they had recently received. After a brief discussion, those in attendance decided to oppose the change due to parking issues and the change of industrial building/land use. PROPAC, which is a neighborhood City Planning Commission designated Registered Community Organization in Port Richmond, has scheduled a meeting on July 6th at 7:00pm in the Columbia Club (3529 Almond St.) with the Zoning change applicants. All interested parties were encouraged to attend. Steve Horton will follow up with Ken Paul and George Groves. (Note: On June 10th: George Groves & Ken Paul notified RCA that the meeting has been postponed until September.)

The Tire Round Up will be held on Saturday July 23rd 9:00am-1:00pm. Cara Rossi and Steve Horton will complete the registration. We will need 2-4 volunteers and 1-2 Trucks for the Event. Businesses can contact Steve Horton @ (267) 566-0490.

There was a brief discussion about Real Estate trends in the area. Ed Kradoska and Steve Horton will follow up with some area Realtors and ask them to share information about their current activities and overall insights at a future meeting.

Regina Gorzkowski-Rossi briefly talked about the idea of creating a Longshoreman's Museum in Port Richmond.

The Meeting adjourned at 10:15am.

Submitted by Steve Horton