

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

May 12, 2016

Attendance: Cara Rossi (M&T Bank), Larry Dooling (P.J. Dooling Tire Co.), Tom Branigan (DRCC), Steve Horton (RCA-NEDS), Tummona Fisher (Philadelphia Regional Port Authority), Matt Mullin (City of Philadelphia-CLIP), Ed Kradoska (JECA Corp.), Mark Kochanowicz (Coating Development Group), Leonard Szyper (Custom Co-Pak), Edward Masternak (Friends of Pulaski Park), Jamie Buck (DRCC), Regina Gorzkowski-Rossi (Friends of Pulaski Park), Bruce Richman (S.D. Richman Sons, Inc.), Vance Coulston (CSS International), Gene Fisalkowski (CSS International), Alan Berg (NUPRO/Neatsfoot Oil), Robert Cummings (PRPA).

The meeting was convened at 12:10pm (new time)  
RCA provided Lunch to the attendees.

The Minutes from the April 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting were reviewed and approved.

The Treasurer's Report was submitted by Bruce Richman. The Account Balance is:  
**\$18,848.92**

**Committee Reports:**

**Safety/Security:** The 24<sup>th</sup> 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. Currently, there are 21 paid members. There are a total of 37 businesses targeted for membership

**Strategic Plan:** The City Planning Commission (CPC) River Wards Plan included some of the ideas from the RCA Strategic Plan. Regina Gorzkowski-Rossi spoke briefly about the proposed Immigrant Village and Longshoreman's Museum ideas which are also included in the document.

**Media/Public Relations:** No Update.

**Website:** ([www.rcassociation.org](http://www.rcassociation.org)): All Businesses were encouraged to regularly monitor the RCA Website. Mark Kochanowicz uploaded a Video onto the Website about local manufacturing that showcases: Weber Display & Packaging Co.

**CLIP/Infrastructure Report:** Matt Mullin announced that CLIP continues to do Graffiti removal throughout the area. He also reminded everyone that the Port Richmond Convenience Center, located at 3901 N. Delaware Ave., is open Mondays-Saturdays

(except Holidays) 8am-6pm. The Center accepts residential electronics, small quantities of personal tires, appliances, furniture, yard waste, trash & recyclables. In addition, there is a need to place signage near chronic Port Richmond shortdumping sites with the location of the Port Richmond Convenience Center. Currently, there is that type of signage in the Strawberry Mansion section of North Philadelphia with the closest location at 2601 W. Glenwood Ave.

Mark Kochanowicz briefly mentioned the ongoing problem of Mobile power washing operations using the fire hydrants around Schiller & Melvale Sts. CLIP will contact the Water Dept. about installing special hydrant locks.

**Special Presentation by Robert Cummings from PRPA:**

- The Philadelphia Regional Port Authority has made \$50 million in improvements to the Terminal (\$40 million for the overall facilities & equipment and \$10 million in rail improvements)
- Currently the Terminal is a major importer of Wood Pulp. Proctor-Gamble uses these materials for their paper products. In addition, the Terminal handles re-bar Steel. Other products that pass through the Terminal include Pipeline equipment and supplies used by the Marcellus Shale industry.
- Currently the Terminal has 400 International Longshoremen Association (ILA) jobs on site. There is potential for growth.
- An update was also provided on the new Southport Port Facility that will be planned to be developed on the southeast quadrant of the old Naval Shipyard. Located near Packer Terminal, this facility will give the Philadelphia region a major boost for the import and export business.
- With the expansion of the Panama Canal, the travel time between the East Coast and Asia will be reduced.
- The current Dredging of the Shipping Channel in the Delaware River continues to move forward (increasing the depth from 42ft. to 45ft.)

Alan Berg, NUPRO/Neatsfoot Oil expressed his desire to export their products to Shanghai & Korea directly from Philadelphia instead of the Company's current arrangement through Newark, N.J.

**Old Business:**

RCA will investigate whether to have the June 8<sup>th</sup> membership meeting **at Yards Brewing Co., 901 N. Delaware Ave.**

**New Business:**

No announcements or updates  
The Meeting was adjourned at 1:25pm.

Submitted by Steve Horton