

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

November 10, 2016

Attendance: Cara Rossi (M&T Bank), Bruce Richman (S.D. Richman & Sons), Steve Horton (RCA-NEDS), Larry Dooling (PJ Dooling Tire), David Keiser (Tioga Pipe), A.J. Berg (Neatsfoot Oil Refineries), Tummona Fisher (PRPA), Patty-Pat Kozlowski (Dept. of Parks & Recreation), Rob Armstrong (Dept. of Parks & Recreation), Jim Fries (Delaware River City Corp.), Sara Patterson (Michael Baker Int'l), Chris Stanford (Michael Baker Int'l)

The meeting was convened at 8:55am.

There were Roundtable introductions.

The Minutes from the September & October Meetings were reviewed and approved.

The Treasurer's Report was submitted by Bruce Richman:
Account Balance: **\$17,169.38**

Committee Reports:

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

Membership: Currently, there are 27 Paid Members. The Target is to recruit 38 members. Steve Horton continues to conduct outreach and make site visits to area businesses. Everyone was encouraged to pass along potential business leads.

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

Media/Public Relations: No Update. I-95 Project Updates: www.95revive.com.

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

CLIP/Infrastructure Report: CLIP was not present. No Update

Old Business: David Keiser suggested that RCA invite some area Realtors to future meetings to provide the group updates on area development activities and real estate trends. David Keiser and Ed Kradoska will follow up.

The attendance was very low for the Business Networking Event held at the Yards Brewing Co. on October 13th.

New Business: There were Guests present to make a Presentation:

Patty-Pat Kozlowski: patty-pat.kozlowski@phila.gov

Rob Armstrong: robert.armstrong@phila.gov

Sara Patterson: sara.patterson@mbakerintl.com

Chris Stanford: cstanford@mbakerintl.com

Jim Fries, Project Manager of DRCC, jfries@drccc.org

The Philadelphia Department of Parks & Recreation has contracted with Michael Baker International to develop a Trail Plan to connect the East Coast Greenway that passes through in the RCA area and Frankford Creek. The Spur will be 3.5 miles in length. The Project is a Public-Private partnership. The Design phase will include the planning of a pedestrian & bicycle right-of-way along the connector route. The east end of the **Pathway** will run along the north side of **Lewis Street between (N. Delaware Ave.- Richmond St.)** The **Trail** will then turn left and run along **Richmond St. between (Lewis St.-Wheatsheaf Lane)** with lane **Chevrons** separating the Traffic and the Pathway. The **Trail** will then turn right and will run along the north side of **Wheatsheaf Lane between (Richmond St.-Aramingo Ave.)**. The Trail will then proceed north along **Aramingo Ave. and connect with Frankford Creek.**

The current timetable is to finalize the Plan in the Fall/Winter. The Bidding process would be completed by late Winter/early Spring of 2017. The construction would begin in late Spring of next year, and proceed through the Summer and Fall.

RCA requested that the organization be consulted and advised throughout the process. Two attendees (S.D. Richman, Sons & Tioga Pipe) wanted to make sure the construction along Wheatsheaf Lane does not interfere with their operations. Another business that was not present (Reliant Transportation), wanted to be assured that the construction around the Richmond & Lewis Intersection does not negatively impact access for their vehicles, traveling into and out of their facility.

RCA also recommended some area improvements for Street Signalization:

The intersection located at Aramingo Ave. & Wheatsheaf lane needs a left-hand (east bound) turn arrow added to the existing traffic light.

The intersection located at Richmond St. & Lewis needs better traffic control with a set of three-way stop signs. Richmond St. traffic would be required to stop. This will enable westbound traffic on Lewis St. to make left or right turns, and proceed either northbound or southbound on Richmond St.

The Meeting adjourned at 10:25am.

Submitted by Steve Horton