

Richmond Corridor Association (RCA) Monthly General Meeting  
PhilaPort- PRPA  
Meeting Minutes  
November 9, 2017

Attendance: Vance Coulston (CSS International), Gene Fijalkowski (CSS International) Bruce Richman (SD Richman, Sons), Matt Mullin (City of Philadelphia-CLIP), Sean McMonagle (Councilman Squilla's Office), Steve Horton (RCA-NEDS), Michael Stepnowski (Stepnowski Bros., Inc.), A.J. Berg (Neatsfoot Oil-NUPRO), Tummona Fisher (PhilaPort-PRPA), David Keiser (Tioga Pipe), Officer Tina Willis (24<sup>th</sup> Police District)

The Meeting was convened at 8:55am.

The September Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Submitted by Bruce Richman. The M&T Bank Account Balance is: **\$16,132.88.**

**Committee Reports:**

**Safety/Security:** Officer Tina Willis provided a brief report on Crime Statistics for the area. RCA is located in 24<sup>th</sup> District's Police Service Area (PSA) # 3. Lt. Marc Hayes covers the Area. He can be reached at: [marc.hayes@phila.gov](mailto:marc.hayes@phila.gov). Officer Willis mentioned a traffic access issue where Smith-Edwards-Dunlap has difficulty entering and exiting their facility on 2867 E. Allegheny Ave. due to on-street vehicle parking. It was suggested that the Company should work with Traffic Engineering in the Streets Dept., the Philadelphia Parking Authority and Councilman Henon's Office. Also, November 21<sup>st</sup> is Operation Thanksgiving at the Police District.

**Membership:** Currently, there are 14 paid members. This is the time to renew all 2018 memberships. Everyone was asked to speak with their business neighbors about RCA, and encourage them to join. Steve Horton continues to reach out to firms each month to encourage them to attend our meetings, and to become members.

**Strategic Plan:** No Update. We will look at developing a new Plan next year.

**Media/Public Relations:** The Upcoming Meeting on the I-95 Project will be on Tuesday November 14<sup>th</sup> (5:30-7:00pm) at the Lithuanian Music Hall, 2715 E. Allegheny Ave. For ongoing I-95 Project Updates: ([www.95revive.com](http://www.95revive.com)).

**Website:** No Update. RCA Information: ([www.rcassociation.org](http://www.rcassociation.org)). The Meeting Minutes & Business Resources information continues to be posted and available.

**CLIP/Infrastructure Report:** CLIP continues to provide quality of life services to the overall neighborhood. Direct Issues & Concerns to: “311” (Calls Mon.-Fri.: 8am-8pm and E-Mails to: [philly311@phila.gov](mailto:philly311@phila.gov)). Record the Tracking (Case) number. RCA will then contact CLIP with the information for follow up.

**Old Business:** RCA participated in the Annual Tire Round Up on August 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>. AJ Berg & two members of his NUPRO-Neatsfoot Co. Staff, along with Steve Horton, cleaned up several chronic short-dumping hotspots throughout the community. Thanks were extended to those who participated. RCA received a City Award in the amount of **\$500.00** for all of the work completed this past Summer.

The new RCA Officers were announced:

Alan Berg, Jr. (NUPRO-Neatsfoot Oil Co.): President

Vance Coulston, (CSS International): Vice President

Bruce Richman (S.D. Richman, Sons Inc.): Treasurer

Steve Horton (Neighborhood Econ. Dev. Specialist): Interim Secretary

The Impact CDC Job Fair was held on September 19<sup>th</sup>. CSS International Inc. participated in the Event. The Company is considering a Candidate for a position in the firm. Weber Display & Packaging Co., in the PRIDE area, also participated.

**New Business:** There is a Shortdumping crisis in the RCA area. There are two “311” cases (#11562798 & #11587707) that have been reported to the City with over 10 dump sites including a severe situation on 2900 E. Schiller St. & 3400 Bath St. The impacted area companies (Neatsfoot Oil, Weber Display & Packaging), Streets Dept., RCA & CLIP will continue to work on these issues until they are resolved.

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:15am.

Submitted by Steve Horton