

Richmond Corridor Association (RCA) Monthly General Meeting  
Weber Display & Packaging Co.  
Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2018

Attendance: Vance Coulston (CSS International), Steve Horton (RCA-NEDS), Eric Tottser (Port Richmond Tool & Die), Ryan Keller (Councilman Bobby Henon's Office), David Keiser (Tioga Pipe Supply Co.), Jim Doherty (Weber Display & Packaging)

The Meeting was convened at 9:10am.

The September Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Submitted remotely by Bruce Richman. The M&T Bank Account Balance is: **\$13,617.88.**

**Committee Reports:**

**Safety/Security:** No Update. 24<sup>th</sup> Police District representatives did not attend. Captain Clark and several Officers gave updates at the September meeting.

Everyone was also reminded of the Business Security Camera Program (SafeCam) which partially reimburses businesses for installing exterior cameras on their buildings. The Police Dept. will have access to the video as needed. The Program information & application form is available on the RCA Website. The new Commerce Dept. Program contact person is Maxine Ferguson. She can be reached at:

(215) 683-2047 & [maxine.ferguson@phila.gov](mailto:maxine.ferguson@phila.gov).

In addition, all businesses & industrial-commercial properties are also encouraged to improve exterior lighting around their facilities.

CSS international recently applied for the Program. They utilized a local company:

Sommerville Electric

2542 E. Ann Street 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Philadelphia, Pa. 19134

(215) 289-6563 (Denise or Bill)

Two licensed Contractor bids are required for the application.

**Membership:** This is the time to renew all 2019 memberships. Everyone was asked to speak with their business neighbors about RCA, and encourage them to join. Currently, there are 13 paid members & 41 pending members. Steve Horton continues to reach out to firms each month to encourage them to attend our meetings, become active and join RCA.

**Strategic Plan:** No Update. The current 5 Year Plan is posted on the Website.

**Media/Public Relations:** Weber Display & Packaging & Port Richmond Tool & Die compared notes on the Project. They both noted that PENNDOT is speeding up the process to acquire properties in the Highway right-of-way. For I-95 Reconstruction Project Updates, Check: ([www.95revive.com](http://www.95revive.com)).

**Website:** The Website is back up and operating. We give a special Thanks to Steve Andrews & Mark Kohanowicz for resolving the issues. Everyone was encouraged to regularly monitor RCA Information: ([www.rcassociation.org](http://www.rcassociation.org)). The Meeting Minutes & Business Resources information continue to be posted, and are available for review.

**CLIP/Infrastructure Report:** No Update. Direct Issues & Concerns to: “311” (Calls accepted Mon.-Fri.: 8am-8pm and E-Mails accepted 24hrs.-7days a week at: ([philly311@phila.gov](mailto:philly311@phila.gov))). Record the Tracking (Case) number. RCA & CLIP will follow up.

**Old Business:** As we discussed previously, the Saturday August 4<sup>th</sup> Tire Round Up was a success. RCA received a City reward of \$298.50. Once again, we express a special Thanks to Councilman Bobby Henon, Ryan Keller, Courtney Voss, David Keiser, Vance Coulston and Steve Horton for their efforts.

**New Business:** The Council Office announced that 360 Junkyard on Richmond Street has been closed and evicted for illegal use of the property.

There was recent (November 6<sup>th</sup>) election between Patty-Pat Kozlowski and Joseph Hohenstein for the open District #177 State Representative seat that includes the RCA area. In January, Mr. Hohenstein will assume that position. RCA expresses its deep appreciation to retiring State Representative John Taylor for his many years of service to the community.

**Business Updates & Announcements:** Special Congratulations were extended to Weber Display & Packaging Co. for their recent recognition at City Council Chambers. Councilman Bobby Henon acknowledged through a Council Resolution, the Company's history & accomplishments as part of the Citywide Manufacturing Month (October) activities throughout Philadelphia.

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:30am.

Submitted by Steve Horton