

Richmond Corridor Association (RCA) Monthly General Meeting
PhilaPort (PRPA)
Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2018

Attendance: Tummona Fisher (PhilaPort), Vance Coulston (CSS International), Steve Horton (RCA-NEDS), Jim Sheridan (United Color Mfg.), Eric Sandberg (Quint Co.), Michael Stepnowski (Stepnowski General Construction), Capt. Steve Clark (24th PD), Officer Eddie Correa (24th PD), Officer Tina Willis (24th PD), Joe Fenton (Tioga Pipe Supply Co.), A.J. Berg (Neatsfoot Oil Refineries)

The Meeting was convened at 9:05am.

The June Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Submitted remotely by Bruce Richman. The M&T Bank Account Balance is: **\$14,117.88.**

Committee Reports:

Safety/Security: The 24th PD Team was in attendance. Capt. Steve Clark was introduced. The 24th Police District coordinates their efforts with the adjacent 26th & 15th Police Districts. Officer Tina Willis reported the August crime Stats for the PSA area. Thefts from autos (24) and stolen autos (9) are a real concern. There was also an in-depth discussion about the ongoing Shortdumping crisis throughout the area. Many of the Streets include, but are not limited to: E. Tioga St., E. Ontario St., Bath St., E. Schiller St., Beach St., Allen St., E. Venango St. & Kingston St. The Police continue to encourage everyone to keep utilizing the "311" System to report dumping. If someone actually witnesses dumping, contact "911". The Property Crimes unit will continue their work to enforce the laws. AJ Berg briefly discussed how Florida has Statewide Ordinances that prohibit shopping carts from being removed from the store premises. Fines & Citations are given to the citizens and stores who do comply.

Everyone was also reminded of the SafeCam Program 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. In addition, all properties are also encouraged to improve exterior lighting around their facilities.

Vance Coulston also mentioned two issues around their facility. There a number of prostitutes on Jasper St. (near Glenwood Ave.). The 24th PD reported Vice unit is operating in the neighborhood. The other ongoing issue is figuring out how to get ConRail, CSX & Norfolk Southern to maintain the land adjacent to their railroad tracks. RCA was encouraged to continue contacting CLIP (215-685-9555) & City Commerce Dept. (215-683-2100) to report Railroad issues & concerns.

Membership: 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. 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 consider becoming members. Members were asked to speak with neighboring firms..

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

Media/Public Relations: No Update. For I-95 Reconstruction Project Updates, Check: (www.95revive.com).

Website: The Website is currently down. We are working closely with the Website Coordinator and member Businesses to get the Site back up and operational again as soon as possible. Thanks for your patience. Everyone was encouraged to regularly monitor RCA Information: (www.rcassociation.org). The Meeting Minutes & Business Resources information continues to be posted and they 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)). Record the Tracking (Case) number. RCA & CLIP will follow up.

Old Business: The Saturday August 4th Tire Round Up was a success. Councilman Bobby Henon & his Staff, Ryan Keller & Courtney Voss. brought a Truck and joined David Keiser, Vance Coulston & Steve Horton on this Clean Up Project. Over 600 tires were removed from many of the chronic Shortdumping sites throughout the RCA area. We thank the participants. It was agreed that RCA will formally recognize the Councilman & his Team for their outstanding partnership, at a future meeting.

New Business: The 24th Police District will be coordinating two upcoming Events:
National Peace Day: September 21st
Halloween Party: October 31st
For more information contact: (215) 685-9963.

Also, a new organization has been formed in the neighborhood:
South Port Richmond Civic & Business Association

Business Updates & Announcements: No updates

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:20am.

Submitted by Steve Horton