

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

September 12, 2019

Attendance: Kelly Hynes (Weber Display & Packaging Co.), Caitlin Rozman (Impact Loan Fund), Captain Fisher (24th Police District), State Rep. Joe Hohenstein (177th District), Joe Fenton (Tioga Pipe & Supply Co.), Ed Kradoska (JECA Corp.), Tummona Fisher (PhilaPort), Vance Coulston (CSS International), Gene Fijalkowski (CSS International), Aloysius Stuhl (State Rep. Hohenstein), Steve Horton (RCA-NEDS)

The Meeting was convened at 9:05am.

The May Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Submitted remotely by Bruce Richman. The M&T Bank Account Balance is: **\$11,576.38.**

Committee Reports:

Safety/Security: Captain Fisher gave a brief report on the neighborhood. Property Crime continues to be prevalent in the area. There have been thefts and burglaries in several locations. RCA is located primarily in the Police Service Area (PSA) #3. Everyone was encouraged to utilize the Business Security Camera Program (SafeCam). CSS International utilized the Program, and shared their experiences. The Company requested help from the Police Dept. to make the computer IP connection with the 24th Police District. The District looks forward to continuing the partnerships with local businesses and residents.

Membership: This is the time to renew all 2019 memberships. Everyone was asked to speak with their business neighbors about RCA. Steve Horton continues to reach out to firms each month to encourage them to attend our meetings & become active in RCA.

Strategic Plan: No Updates. The current 5 Year Plan is posted on the Website. Everyone was encouraged to review it. New Ideas are welcome as RCA updates the Plan.

Media/Public Relations: For I-95 Reconstruction Project Updates, Check: (www.95revive.com).

Website: Everyone was encouraged to regularly monitor RCA Information: (www.rcassociation.org). The Meeting Minutes, Membership Forms & Business Resources information continue to be posted, and are available for review. The information is downloadable for further follow up.

CLIP/Infrastructure Report:

No Updates. 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.

All businesses and residents are encouraged to continue reporting the chronic Shortdumping sites throughout the neighborhood.

Old Business:

For **Business Security Camera Program (SafeCam)** information contact: **Maxine Ferguson**, Commerce Dept. @ **(215) 683-2047 & maxine.ferguson@phila.gov**.

Energetek continues to provide comprehensive services and customized plans to review, navigate and access the various energy tax incentives, credits and other program resources. RCA companies who have utilized their services include: Neatsfoot Oil, Coating Development Group and CSS international. For more information contact: **Eva Gerrits & Kristin DeBias, Energetek @ weare@energetek.biz**.

Annual Tire Round Up (August 10th):

Neatsfoot Oil, CSS International, RCA, Streets Dept. & many other Partners joined forces to work on this Annual effort to address the chronic problem Tires illegally dumped throughout the neighborhoods. RCA earned a financial award for participating.

New Business:

State Representative Joe Hohenstein introduced himself to the attendees. His Family has deep Frankford roots (5 generations). He has worked as an immigration attorney for 25 years. In his new role, he is connecting with all of his constituents. Currently, he is focused on education & environmental issues. He also serves on the PhilaPort Advisory Committee. The discussion covered a number of items including the opioid crisis, treatment centers, the illegal scrap trade and the environmental conditions at several neighborhood recreation facilities. He described, in detail, the urgent need to complete major environmental remediation of the nearby Samuel, Heitzman & Monkiewicz Recreation Centers. The City, Pa. DEP & US EPA are all involved in addressing the situation. The State Rep. is collaborating with Local, State & Federal Officials on this matter. The Office looks forward serving RCA and other area business organizations.

Caitlin Rozman provided a brief update on the Impact Loan Fund. The Fund was created in 1999 to provide neighborhood businesses access to capital. RCA is located within the Loan target area. These financial resources can be used for a range of needs including, but not limited to, equipment, inventory, building-facility improvements & repairs along with general working capital. The Loan interest rates are competitive, and Loan Terms negotiated on a case-by-case basis. An updated description will be posted on the RCA Website. For more information contact: **Caitlin Rozman @ (215) 739-1600 ex.137, (215) 651-4124 & crozman@impactservices.org**.

Business Updates & Announcements:

PhilaPort reports a new 100,000 sq. Ft. Warehouse is being built at Tioga Terminal to accommodate a new Forestry Products Co. Also, the new Shipping Cranes will be installed at the Tioga Facility.

JECA Corp. reported the ongoing problem of damaged Telephone located Richmond & Ontario Streets. This issue has been reported to PECO multiple times.

Weber Display & Packaging has reported a dangerous traffic signage situation located at Richmond & Tioga Streets. The issue was reported to the "311" System.

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:45am.

Submitted by Steve Horton