

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

January 9, 2020

Attendance: Kelly Hynes (Weber Display & Packaging Co., Vance Coulston (CSS International), Javier Mojica (City Commerce Dept.), Tummona Fisher (PhilaPort), Ed Kradoska (JECA Corp.), Steve Horton (RCA-NEDS)

The Meeting was convened at 9:00am.

The November Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Submitted remotely by Bruce Richman. The Bank Account has been transferred to Port Richmond Savings Bank. The Balance is: **\$11,737.51**

Committee Reports:

Safety/Security: The 24th Police District was not present. Members are encouraged to regularly report activities through the "911" System & the Philadelphia Police Website: Roll Call complaints.

Membership: This is the time to renew all 2020 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 always welcome, as RCA creates a new brief update of the Plan.

Media/Public Relations: For I-95 Reconstruction Project Updates, Check: (www.95revive.com). It was announce that PennDot is inviting the residential community & business communities to the Sustainable Action Committee meeting focusing on the AFC section of the I-95 Reconstruction Project. The meeting will take place on: **Wednesday January 29th at the PhilaPort Bldg. 3460 N. Delaware Ave.** For more information contact the Project Manager, Pamela Conti, (215) 209-1249 & c-pconti@pa.gov.

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 directly with Agency contacts.

CLIP/Infrastructure Report:

Current Issues reported to Agencies followup:

Richmond & Ontario Sts (JECA): PECO Telephone Pole ongoing repair needs
Frankford & Glenwood Aves (CSS Int'l). Ongoing Shortdumping resolution needs

CLIP/Infrastructure Contacts:

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 & other issues throughout the neighborhood.

Old Business:

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

Energetek: They continue 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**.

Impact Loan Fund: They continue 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 is posted on the RCA Website. For more information contact: **Caitlin Rozman @ (215) 739-1600 ex.137, (215) 651-4124 & crozman@impactservices.org**.

Philadelphia City Planning Commission: For updates and more information please contact: **David Fecteau @ david.fecteau@phila.gov & (215) 683-4670**

Philadelphia Office of Housing & Community Development (OHCD): Philadelphia Home Buy Now Program (Employers Assisted Housing Initiative). For more information contact: **Joey Varghese, Urban Affairs Coalition (UAC), jvarghese@uac.org & (215) 851-1738.**

New Business:

Philadelphia Commerce Dept., Once again provided information packets and updates on various Business Resources and Programs available to businesses through the City and several Partner Organizations. It was announced that the BSCP is once again open to receive BSCP Applications. Also announced, The Coffee with Commerce Event in Bridesburg on January 21st. For more information on these activities contact: **Javier Mojica @ javier.mojica@phila.gov & (215) 683-2170.**

Business Updates & Announcements:

Tummona Fisher, PhilaPort, provided an update. Tioga Terminal is continuing the construction the 100,000 Sq. ft. warehouse for Forest Products. Features on-site include: clear span high ceilings & indoor rail and truck loading. This Port Project represents a \$12 million investment. Target date for opening is March 2020.

Kelly Hynes, Weber Display & Packaging Co. provided an update. The Company has installed a new Flex-o-graph Printing Machine that can accommodate 27,000 boxes/Hr. The production operations has capacity to complete 4 Color printing. They have a workforce over 180 people on 3 shifts. The company is in the process of creating a customized Apprenticeship Program in partnership with the U.S. Dept. of Labor.

Vance Coulston, CSS International provided an update. The Company is celebrating its 75th Anniversary. That is quite a Milestone. They are manufacturers in the packaging industry. Their production includes: timing screws & feeding systems, conveyor parts & meters, lane dividers & combiners, side grip belts and code inspection diverters.

David Fecteau. CPC, provided an update, remotely. There are new Owners of the old Sterling Paper Co. (Castor Ave.) & the old PECO Power Plant (N. Delaware Ave.). They are seeking changes in the Zoning. RCA will want to monitor these properties closely.

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:20am.

Submitted by Steve Horton