

Richmond Corridor Association (RCA) General Meeting
24th Police District
Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2020

Attendance: Capt. Pedro Rosario (CO-24th Police District), Officer Tina Willis (24th Police District), Ed Kradoska (JECA Corp.), Regina Gorzkowska-Rossi (PABA), Steve Horton (RCA-NEDS)

The Meeting was convened at 9:15am.
Special Thanks to the 24th Police District for hosting the Meeting.

The **September Meeting Minutes** were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Submitted remotely by Bruce Richman. The Account is held in the Port Richmond Savings Bank. The current Balance is: **\$ 10,016.51.**

Committee Reports:

Security & Safety: The Police District continually reviews & adjusts the deployment of Officers throughout Neighborhoods. During the civil unrest of October 27th & 28th, the Aramingo Ave. commercial district was hit very hard by Looters. There were 65 Commercial Building Burglaries and an estimated \$5.5 Million in damages & losses. In addition, there has been a major uptick in Street Violence. This year, the 24th PD has experienced 50 Homicides and 231 Shooting Victims. Building Partnerships continue to be a top priority as We address these big challenges together. Those in attendance all agreed to strengthen our ongoing collaboration. One major priority is the need to grow & expand Workforce Training & Placement opportunities throughout the Region.

Businesses & Residents are always encouraged to regularly report Emergency activities through the **"911" System.**

For Non-Emergencies & Roll Call Alerts: Contact the 24th PD directly at **(215) 686-3240.** RCA is located within the 24th Police Service Area (PSA) #3.

Membership: Everyone was asked to renew their 2021 Memberships. Please speak with your business neighbors about RCA. Steve Horton continues to send out regular updates about the Business Assistance Programs & Resources that are available.

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: No Updates. For I-95 Reconstruction Project Updates, Check: (www.95revive.com). For ongoing Project information contact : **Pamela Conti, Project Manager (215) 209-1249 & c-pconti@pa.gov.**

Website: Everyone was encouraged to regularly monitor & utilize RCA Information: (www.rcassociation.org). We welcome Updates & Additions.

Old Business:

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). Photographs are always helpful. Record the Tracking (Case) number. RCA & CLIP will help follow up. All businesses and residents are encouraged to continue reporting the chronic Shortdumping sites & other problems and issues throughout the Neighborhoods.

Impact Loan Fund: For more information please contact:

Caitlin Rozman (Impact) at (215) 739-1600 ex.137, (215) 651-4124 & crozman@impactservices.org.

Philadelphia City Planning Commssion: For more information please contact:

David Fecteau (City Planning Commission) at david.fecteau@phila.gov & (215) 683-4670

Philadelphia Commerce Dept: Business Resources and Programs continue be available to businesses through the City throughout the current Crisis.

For more information please contact:

Javier Mojica (City Commerce Dept.) at javier.mojica@phila.gov & (215) 683-2170.

New Business:

Ed Kradoska (JECA Corp.) notified the 24th PD of an ongoing problem concerning the theft of Vehicle catalytic convertors at the site of one of his tenants: (3375 Richmond St.). The follow up investigation will include securing Video Surveillance footage from nearby Properties.

Business Roundtable Announcements:

Everyone was encouraged to continue monitoring the COVID-19 situation very closely. Please continue to regularly Check all Media Outlets & Public Agencies for ongoing announcements & regular updates.

The 24th Police District suggested that RCA may want to conduct remote ZOOM Meetings in 2021. The District is having great success using ZOOM to communicate with various Community & Business Partners. Ed Kradoska will check out the options.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:55am.

Submitted by Steve Horton