



RICHMOND CORRIDOR ASSOCIATION

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Minutes from the RCA General Meeting – April 13, 2011

Location: Weber Display and Packaging
3500 Richmond St., Philadelphia, PA 19134

Attendees: Lisa Charlton, President (J Cummings Co)
Larry Dooling, Vice President, (P.J. Dooling Tire Co.)
Bruce Richman, Treasurer (SD Richman Sons, Inc.)
Mark Kochanowicz, Secretary (Coating Development Group, Inc.)
Steve Horton (Manufacturers Alliance of Philadelphia)
George Groves (3001 Castor Inc.)
Jim Doherty (Weber Display & Packaging)
Alan S. Berg (NuPro)
Matthew Mullin (City of Philadelphia)
Martha Doulas (Regal Leather)
David Keiser (Tioga Pipe)

Time: 8:45 – 9:40 AM

1. Minutes from the March general meeting approved.
2. Bruce Richman, RCA Treasurer, reported that RCA has \$17, 520 in the bank. 12 of 43 members are paid up for 2011.
3. David Keiser stated that Tioga Pipe Supply got dumped on about 6 weeks ago. It was mostly house debris.
4. If dumped upon, call 311. Also try Robert Carter at Sweep (63rd & Passyunk) a division under the City of Philadelphia Streets Department 215-685-4275.
5. Steve Tailor was paid for updates to the RCAssociation.org Web site.
6. Neil Desai from Brown and Keener will meet with the Strategic Planning Committee (Marth, Alan, Jim & Steve) after the general meeting.
7. There was an article put in all the local gazettes about the successful cleanup.
8. 17 people showed up for the spring cleanup and a thank you note was distributed. Bruce Richman had a lot of crew there. Richmond Street Auto Tags came out to assist too. An area most need of attention is Kingston & Bath streets. The City works on this area quite often.



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9. The topic of should we expand the RCA boundaries came up. Should the by-laws be changed and what do we do with businesses outside the RCA boundaries that want to join. Lisa Charlton called for a Board of Directors meeting to determine these issues. This meeting was proposed to occur in about two weeks.
10. Steve Horton touched on the history of the RCA.
11. No News on William Parker, Sr.
12. No news of ART.
13. The proposed paid sick leave bill in city council was tabled.
14. UII reminded the membership of their two upcoming events. 4/20 – Manufacturing Opportunities in the New Economy. 4/27 – Meet the council candidates for districts 1 and 6.
15. It was mentioned that Andy Toy was running for council-at-large and that his expertise would be good for RCA.
16. Martha Doulas discussed employee referrals amongst RCA members.
17. Steve Horton mentioned the Philadelphia Workforce Development Center (PWDC) and that Tim Smith is the person to ask for about workforce credits. His contact information is 215-963-2100 or tsmith@pwdc.org. Karen Hrach is the “job ready” liaison for MAP. Her number is 215-948-9285 x105.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.

Minutes prepared by Mark Kochanowicz