

Minutes from the RCA General Meeting - January 13, 2011

Location: Philadelphia Regional Port Authority

3460 N. Delaware Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19134

Attendees: Lisa Charlton, President (J Cummings Co)

Larry Dooling, Vice President (Dooling Tire)

Mark Kochanowicz, Secretary (Coating Development Group, Inc.)

Steve Horton (Manufacturers Alliance of Philadelphia)

George Groves (3001 Corporation)

Alan Berg (Nupro)

David Keiser (Tioga Pipe)

Mathew Mullin (City of Philadelphia)

Steve Jurash (Manufacturers Alliance of Philadelphia)

Joe Sickman Sr. (Bonk's Bar and Grille)

Donald Brennan (Philadelphia, Regional Port Authority)

Time: 8:45 – 10:00 AM

- 1. The attendees reviewed and approved the minutes from the 12-08-10 meeting.
- 2. Lisa Charlton announced that William Parker, Sr. (Treasurer) had an aneurism and several mini-strokes a few days after the Christmas holiday. He is partially paralyzed in his left side and will need rehabilitation. A card was passed around for the group to sign and will be delivered by Lisa with a picture-oriented book.
- 3. The Secretary will be responsible for submitting the RCA minutes to the RCA Web site Webmaster currently, Steve Andrews at Digital Tailoring is serving that function. Mark Kochanowicz will assume this duty from Lou Lesson.
- 4. The group reviewed and discussed the Brown & Keener proposal to update and modify RCA's new strategic plan. The estimate is for \$1150. The 2011 budget was created with this cost in mind and there is room to accommodate the cost for this preparation. The group unanimously approved the proposal. Steve Jurash noted that the grant environment has changed from small scale projects to "game-changing" projects such as reducing energy consumption. Steve suggested that RCA should identify grantors as a part of the process and also suggested that RCA and PRIDE combine efforts in some way. George Groves proposed that RCA request money from Penndot since their projects will have a profound impact to the RCA community. George Groves will contact Laura Lanza and ask her to assist with her grant-writing expertise.



- 5. Lisa Charlton asked the members about the situation with the Treasurer position currently held by William Parker, Sr who is in recovery. David Keiser noted that it was an important position that needed attention immediately. No offerings were made from the members except the suggestion made by Mark Kochanowicz asking if Bruce Richman could act as a possible temporary replacement. Lisa stated that she would contact Bruce. If he in unwilling to accept the position of Treasurer and there are no volunteers, Lisa concluded that she would appoint someone from the RCA board. The group seemed to accept this scenario.
- 6. George Groves will contact Greg Sayers in regard to the security cameras.
- 7. Donald Brennan did not have anything to put in the news article.
- 8. Lisa Charlton made it clear that she wanted an RCA member to step up and take control of the Cleanup committee since William Parker, Sr is ill. The estimated date for the Spring cleanup is the first week of April 2011. RCA wants to coordinate the cleanup with the City of Philadelphia's cleanup day. Jamie or William Parker, Jr. will be targeted to assume this duty.
- 9. A zone appeal meeting for the trash transfer station will be held on January 26, 2011, 1 pm at 1515 Arch Street. According to George Groves, the last community meeting in Bridesburg was a raucous event.
- 10. George Groves noted that Blumberg Nicholson is slowing up the development of Delaware avenue and was issued a L&I cease order.
- 11. Penndot will be having a major impact to the RCA corridor for the next 9 years. For further information, visit: http://www.95revive.com/
- 12. Lisa Charlton asked Mark Kochanowicz to revise the RCA member list and submit to Steve Andrews to post on the Web site.

Meeting adjourned at 10 AM.

Minutes prepared by Mark Kochanowicz