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Minutes from the RCA General Meeting – March 10, 2011

Location: Philadelphia Regional Port Authority
3460 N. Delaware Avenue, 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.)
David Keiser (Tioga Pipe)
Matthew Mullin (City of Philadelphia)
John Taintor (Port Richmond Self Storage)
William Hodgson (Weber Display & Packaging)
Martha Doulas (Regal International Leather)
Lou Lessen (SOS Metal)
Don Brennan (Philadelphia Regional Port Authority)
Craig Pataky (Westway Terminal)
Regina Gorzkowski (Friends of Pulaski Park/Polish Daily News)

Time: 8:45 – 10:00 AM

1. The attendees reviewed and approved the minutes from the 02-09-11 meeting.
2. William Parker, Sr is at McGee Rehabilitation and will be going home in two weeks.
3. George Groves reported that Gryphin Co. is wide open and dangerous. Matthew Mullin will contact L&I to report.
4. The Cram building next to I-95 is gone.
5. George Groves stated that the billboards on the east side of I-95 will be removed during the expansion. Diamond Furniture building will be knocked down soon. The I-95 renovation completion date is 2019.
6. Aramingo Rail Transfer withdrew its zoning package so they can meet with the community again. According to George Groves, chances are good that it won't happen.



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7. Camden Iron Works (European Metal Recyclers) is looking to move to Delaware County from 26th & Penrose. They currently own Rhino Scrap which is located on Tioga Street.
8. Bruce Richman, RCA Treasurer, reported that RCA has \$17, 106.54 in the bank. 6 of 43 members are paid up for 2011.
9. Steve, from Digital Tailoring sent an invoice to RCA for \$190 which covers the work he has performed on the Web site so far.
10. Security cameras at Bayard Sales & CDG were down as of March 09, 2011.
11. Larry Dooling, Vice President, agreed to check the official RCA Web site inquiries.
12. Lisa Charlton received the consulting agreement from Keener & Brown and will sign it. The cost of \$1150 covers – edit, review, format, design and update the strategic plan.
13. Don Brennen will post an advertisement in the local gazettes about the 2011 Spring Cleanup on April 2nd. Staging is located at Bonk's Bar at 8 AM. Steve Horton suggested that more t-shirts be ordered from Graphics Gear. George will check inventory.
14. Regina Gorzkowski from proposed creating a longshoremen museum to preserve heritage of the neighborhood. She also suggested that Our Lady Help of Christian might be sold and that a preservation society should be established there.
15. Don Brennan will ask DRCC to make a presentation about the multi-use trail being created along the Delaware riverfront.
16. Steve Jurash suggested that MAP members oppose the paid sick leave bill currently being considered in council session. The RCA group in attendance unanimously voted against the bill. Dave Keiser suggested to writing a letter in opposition.
17. Bobby Heenan, a city council candidate, is confirmed for the next meeting.
18. Steve & Ned from MAP, are planning to hold a two candidate forum for manufacturers at the PRPA on April 27, 2011. Bobby Heenan and Martin Bednarek are the two candidates in the 6th district. There are 5 running in the 1st district which is south of Allegheny Ave.



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19. Dave Keiser announced his difficulty with Durham Bus. The bus drivers leave the engines running and in the winter, the fumes gas out Tioga Pipe's employees from one of its buildings which is adjacent to Durham Bus property. The Burham Bus employees also sweep trash out from the buses on to the street and do not remove the litter. David contacted UII to help alleviate the problem. George Groves suggested contacting Air Management to monitor for diesel.

20. Dave Fecteau from phila2035.org sent an introduction e-mail to RCA. His contact information is david.fecteau@phila.gov or 215-683-4670.

Meeting adjourned at 10 AM.

Minutes prepared by Mark Kochanowicz