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Minutes from the RCA General Meeting – October 12, 2011

- Location:** Weber Display & Packaging
3500 Richmond Street, Philadelphia, PA 19134
- Attendees:** Lisa Charlton, President (J Cummings Co)
Larry Dooling, Vice President, (P.J. Dooling Tire Co.)
Mark Kochanowicz, Secretary (Coating Development Group, Inc.)
Steve Horton (Manufacturers Alliance of Philadelphia)
George Groves (3001 Castor Inc.)
Danny Truong (Green Dog Recycling)
Martha Doulos (Regal Int'l Leather)
Alan Berg (Nupro)
Joe Sickman Sr. (Bonk's Bar & Grille)
Craig Pataky (Westway Terminals)
Franz Schneider (PRIDE)
Matt Mullin (City of Philadelphia)
Jim Doherty (Weber Display & Packaging)
David Keiser (Tioga Pipe)
Regina Gorzkowska (The Polish Daily News)
- Time:** 8:55 – 9:55 AM
1. Minutes from the September general meeting were self-read and approved.
 2. Bruce Richman, Treasurer, was not in attendance to offer a report. Lisa Charlton stated that RCA had \$17,018.79 in its coffer.
 3. Lisa Charlton stated that there are currently 28 paid up RCA members. AAA Welding, Belgrade Parts, Riverside Materials and Thomas Sullivan & Sons are potential new members.
 4. The RCA Web site (www.rcassociation.org) has the latest minutes posted and will be updated soon to include pictures from the Fall 2011 cleanup.
 5. Mark Kochanowicz read an e-mail sent from Joe Bennett, IT manager at PT Baler and Security Chairperson with PRIDE. His message:
"Gentlemen, PRIDE is heading down a new path for their camera systems. We are testing the new system in a single location right now and the plan is that they will start terminating the Comcast connections at each of the down locations. I believe the plan is to keep the Comcast connection up at the 24th district. My concern is that this plan could affect



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RCA and their camera system. If PRIDE decides to terminate the connection at the 24th RCA should either pick up this connection or ask for the server to allow your cameras to work. Just keeping you guys in the loop here.”

6. The membership agreed in an unanimous vote that surveillance cameras located at Bayard Sales must come down. Mark Kochanowicz will contact Comcast to discontinue the Internet connection. Jim Doherty will contact the realtor, Pat Green, for Bayard Sales and request permission to move the cameras and Comcast's router. Lisa Charlton will contact Rich Hoffman to physically remove the cameras with a bucket truck. The plan is to get the two cameras have them available to install one camera at Bonk's Bar & Grille and SD Richman & Sons. New DVR's will have to be purchased for all RCA host locations (soon to be 4). Mark will investigate options and obtain feedback from PRIDE's new direction. Ray Johnson who had helped RCA with their surveillance system has left the region. The RCA thanks Ray for his assistance and wishes him well. Jim Doherty nominated Weber's new IT employee to assist Mark Kochanowicz with RCA security cameras implementation and maintenance.
7. Jim Doherty, who spearheaded the RCA Strategic Plan 2012-2017, stated that the plan was finished and distributed hard copies to the general membership. He noted that an electronic version of the plan is available and will be published to the RCA Web site. 50 copies will be printed and given to current members and potential corporate donors. The group hopes Steve Jurash will use the plan and its non-profit status to attract donors to help RCA implement the plan.
8. Don Brennan, PRPA, placed an advertisement for RCA in the Polish Daily News which was distributed on Sunday October 2, 2011 and featured the Pulaski Day Parade. The ad can be seen on page 8.
9. Green Dog Recycling, a RCA member, currently employs 18 workers in our area and is working under a temporary permit. The company's landlord is applying for a zoning permit that would make their presence permanent and is hoping for a positive letter from RCA & the community to help their case move forward.
10. Mark Kochanowicz asked for permission from RCA members to shoot video photography at their businesses. He hopes to make a promo video for RCA that will be published to the RCA Web site and supplement the new strategic plan. Many of the pictures contained in the plan were supplied by Mark.



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11. Re-construction of the Pulaski Park will start this week. \$100,000 has been allotted to the project which will be completed by the end of 2011.
12. On behalf of RCA, George Groves complained to the City of Philadelphia about the property located at Richmond & Tioga Streets. The property once housed the respectable Gilbert Spruance Company until 1990 and most recently the Gryphin Company is a hazard to the community. A closed hearing is scheduled for October 13, 2011 to take action to bring down the building. The attendees will be Nick Nehas (Gryphin), L&I, a Judge and a Law Official. Joan Krajewski has allotted \$225,000 to accomplish this task. Nick Nehas is fighting this. The City has levied a lien on Nick. The Acorn fund, the current lien holder who lent Nick approximately \$500,000 to operate as the Gryphin Company is also responsible for cleanup and environmental costs. NBC10 came out on October 11, 2011 and shot some B-roll footage of the property and will produce a news piece about this neighborhood "eye sore".
13. Short dumping has declined at the Schiller & Allen streets location. Mark Kochanowicz attributes this to a consistent monitoring of the location and a cessation of the trash trailers that used to park there. Mark had left notes on the trucks and brought up the issue at the June meeting.
14. Durham Bus Company continues to back up its buses at the SD Richman & Tioga Pipe Supply locations. The buses idle and emit toxic fumes. David Keiser has kept a log of the incidents and has forwarded the document to UII in hopes of their help. George Groves gave David a mobile number to a truck enforcement officer, Joe, 267-236-2354.
15. A TD Bank and AFLAC representatives will pitch their programs at the November meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 AM.

Minutes prepared by Mark Kochanowicz