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Minutes from the RCA General Meeting – September 8, 2011

Location: Philadelphia Regional Port Authority
3460 Delaware Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19134

Attendees: Lisa Charlton, Pres. (J Cummings Construction)
Larry Dooling, VP (PJ Dooling Tire)
Bruce Richman, Tres. (SD Richman Sons)
George Groves (3001 Castor Ave)
John Taintor (Port Richmond Self Storage)
Ed Taintor (Port Richmond Self Storage)
Steve Truong (Greendog Recycling)
Danny Truong (Greendog Recycling)
Martha Doulos (Regal Int'l Leather)
Matt Mullin (City of Philadelphia)
Alan Berg (NuPro)
Don Brennan (PRPA)
Liz Mertes (TD Bank)
David Markowski (M3 Architectural)
Franz Schneider (PRIDE)
Jim Coughlin (DRCC)
David Keisser (Tioga Pipe)
Tom Branigan (DRCC)
Ted Smolanowicz (Friends of Pulaski Park)
Neil Dasai (Brown & Keener)
Steve Horton (MAP/UII)
Rich Sites (Bonk's Bar & Grille)
Regina Gorzkowski (Friends of Pulaski Park)

Time: 9:00 – 9:10AM

1. Minutes from June general meeting were self-read and approved.
2. Bruce Richman gave Treasurer's Report. Bank balance is \$17,015.00 and all outstanding bills have been paid. There are currently 28 paid members and a brief discussion ensued about encouraging unpaid members to remit their dues.
3. Lisa reported that as of her last check all security cameras were operational.
4. Lisa requested that a newspaper ad be placed to announce the Fall Cleanup.



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9:10 – 10:15AM

Thomas J. Branigan, Exec. Director Delaware River City Corp. detailed plans for the Delaware River Greenway. To be known locally as the Port Richmond Trail, it will be an 11 mile long walkway extending from Allegheny Avenue to the Bucks County line. Highlights include a 12' wide walkway, 7 trailheads and 3 boat launches. It is to be part of the 2500 mile East Coast Greenway stretching from Maine to Florida. Construction is to begin Fall 2011 and be completed by Spring/Summer 2012.

Regina Gorzkowski-Rossi from the Friends of Pulaski Park extended an invitation to the Park's 40th Anniversary Celebration to be held Sept. 18th at noon. She also requested the RCA purchase a congratulatory ad in the *Polish Daily News* to mark the occasion. The membership voted to purchase a 1/8th page ad for \$80.00.

Fall Cleanup – It was decided to hold the Fall Cleanup on Saturday October 15th at 8:00AM. Volunteers will meet at Bonk's Bar at Tioga & Richmond Sts. where brooms, rakes, trash bags etc. will be distributed.

George Groves requested the RCA send a letter to the City encouraging the demolition of the abandoned Gryphin Company buildings on Richmond Street. The poor condition of the property is considered a threat to the community. George reported the City has determined demolition cost will be \$225,000 while the environmental cleanup cost is estimated at \$150,000.00.

Neil Desai of Brown & Keener reported the latest revision to the RCA Strategic Plan incorporated the Delaware River Greenway. With a few minor edits, he believes the Plan will be ready for a vote of approval.

David J. Markowski M3 Architectural, LLC of Cherry Hill, NJ showed plans for a proposed metal shredding and recycling facility to be built on the property behind the Port Authority building between Tioga and Ontario Sts. Mr. Markowski also stated he is originally from the Port Richmond area and is interested in opening an office here.

Elizabeth A. Mertes of TD Bank Bensalem, PA addressed the meeting about TD Bank's services and expressed an interest in joining the RCA.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20AM.

Minutes prepared by Larry Dooling