



RICHMOND CORRIDOR ASSOCIATION

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Minutes from the RCA General Meeting – September 13, 2012

Location: Philadelphia Regional Port Authority (PRPA)
3460 N. Delaware Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19134

Attendees:

George Groves – 3001 Castor Inc.
Larry Dooling – PJ Dooling Tire
William Hodgson – Weber Display & Packaging
Mark Kochanowicz – Coating Development Group, Inc.
Bruce Richman – SD Richman Sons, Inc.
David Keiser – Tioga Pipe Supply
Alan S. Berg – Nupro
Martha Doulas – Regal Int'l Leather
Steve Horton – MAP – NEDS
Aaron Colsher(?) – MAP-UII-TEC
Matt Mullin – City of Philadelphia
Steven Truong – Greendog Recycling
Craig Pataty – WestwayTerminal Co. LLC
Lisa Marie Deeley – Councilman Bobby Henon's Office
Regina Gorzkowska-Rossi – Polish Daily News
John Toner – M & T Bank
Lou Lesson – Sosmetal Products

Time: 8:45 – 9:45 AM

1. Minutes from the June general meeting were self-read and approved.
2. Bruce Richman, Treasurer, announced that the RCA's fund was \$17351. Dues are due in May 2012. Members can vote if they paid in 2011 and 2012. 17 out of 40 members are currently paid.
3. M & T Bank was welcomed to the general membership by those in attendance.
4. Steve Horton and Aaron Colsher updated the group on their progress on a proposal for obtaining a \$30,000 matching grant for security cameras to be implemented in PRIDE and RCA boundaries. The grantors liked the proposal but it is in competition with others. Final word will be determined in a week's time. Steve stressed that if approved, two volunteers from the RCA group would be required to manage the system.
5. Larry Dooling obtained a quote for his company from Twin Alarms to supply a self-monitoring surveillance system consisting of the one working RCA camera, seven additional cameras and an NVR (16 channels). The quote was about \$14,000.



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6. Bruce Richman stress that the impeding factor in obtaining new RCA members was time. "Nobody has the time to knock on doors." Several suggestions were made that revolved around hiring a paid person to canvas on behalf of RCA. George Groves suggested that \$2000 put toward a part-time spokesperson would be appropriate. The majority of the group seemed in favor of the idea but no vote was taken. Lisa Marie Deeley suggested that RCA sponsor a breakfast to attract new members. Mark Kochanowicz suggested creating a testimonial video to play during the meet and greet.
7. Bruce Richman and Larry Dooling Suggested the RCA start each year with a mailed invoice for membership dues. Currently, it is up to the members to remember to pay annually.
8. Steve Truong and Mark Kochanowicz volunteered to update the membership application and post to the RCA Website
9. Don Brennan continues to information out to the public on RCA's behalf.
10. Steve Horton announced that a couple hundred tires were collected by two volunteers in four hours during the tire roundup.
11. The Fall Cleanup proposed date is October 20, 2012. Bonk's Tavern will serve as the basecamp and food will be provided to volunteers. Someone suggested creating matching t-shirts to wear during the cleanup event.
12. George Groves asked Matt Mullins to help in cutting the overgrown weeds and the corner of Richmond and Tioga Streets.
13. The Philadelphia Brewing Company will host the MAP membership drive and meet & greet on October 20, 2012 from 4:30-7:00 pm.
14. Lisa Marie Deeley announced Bobby Henon's new office at 6730 Torresdale Ave. Neighbors and community groups are encouraged to stop by with questions or concerns.
15. Regina Gorzkowski-Rossi noted the setback of a partial collapse at the Pulaski Park and promoted the Port Richmond Historic Village Project. RCA members voted to place an 1/8 page ad in the Polish Daily News. The 79th annual Pulaski Day parade will occur on October 14, 2012 and start at the fountain at Logan Square..

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 AM.

Minutes prepared by Mark Kochanowicz

Upcoming Meetings: April 11 Weber, May 10 PRPA, June 13 Weber, September 13 PRPA, October 10 Weber, November 8 PRPA, December 12 Weber.