SUMMARY STATEMENT

ITEM NO.: DRPA-11-073  SUBJECT: Use of DRPA Property by Philabundance

COMMITTEE: New Business

COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: N/A

BOARD ACTION DATE: September 21, 2011

PROPOSAL: That the Board authorizes staff to enter into a one year Right of Entry Agreement with Philabundance for the use of parking lot space at the PATCO Lindenwold Station.

Amount: $300.00 (in-kind services)

PURPOSE: To grant Philabundance limited use of Lot 1 at Lindenwold Station to operate their weekly fresh food distribution program.

BACKGROUND: Beginning in July, 2009, Philabundance entered into an agreement with DRPA/PATCO regarding the distribution of food on Saturday afternoons at the Lindenwold Station parking lot. A Fresh For All truck stocked with 5,000 to 6,000 pounds of food, at least 80% of which was fresh produce, has served approximately 200-250 people each week.

Philabundance staff and volunteers unloaded the Fresh for All truck and set the food out for display early on Saturday afternoons. Anyone interested in receiving the free food may join the program and select items between 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays. Each family would choose approximately 20 pounds of nutritious food from the display of fresh produce, after which staff and volunteers spent a half hour cleaning up so that the lot was as clean when the truck departed as it was upon arrival.

Philabundance has provided a vital service to Lindenwold and the surrounding community by ensuring access to the fresh produce necessary for good health. Approximately 3,000 people have registered to participate in the program at the Lindenwold location. All food is distributed at no charge to the public.
Lindenwold Station parking lots accommodate more than 3,000 cars, with approximately 1,000 spaces in Lot #1. Average Saturday ridership at Lindenwold, including those passengers who park as well as those who transfer from the Atlantic City Rail Line and NJ Transit buses, is less than 2,000 riders. There is plenty of space on a Saturday for the Fresh For All truck, display of food, and members of the community who take advantage of this community service.

It is recommended that the Board approve the Authority’s renewal of a one year Right of Entry Agreement for Philabundance to continue their food distribution program in the Lindenwold Station parking lot provided that Philabundance indemnifies the Authority and provides adequate insurance.

**SUMMARY:**

- **Amount:** $300 (in-kind services)
- **Source of Funds:** General Fund
- **Operating Budget:** N/A
- **Capital Project #:** N/A
- **Master Plan Status:** N/A
- **Other Fund Sources:** N/A
- **Duration of Contract:** 1 year
- **Other Parties Involved:** N/A
RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That the Board authorizes staff to enter into a one year Right of Entry Agreement with Philabundance to enable their distribution of free, nutritious food in the Lindenwold Station parking lot on Saturday afternoons.

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