

Delaware River Port Authority

Citizens Advisory Committee Minutes

March 28th, 2012

Announcement

The CAC would like to recognize & honor the service of Fred Winkler. Fred passed away on March 24th. We feel it would be a kind gesture to send a condolence to his family on our behalf.

Adoption of Minutes from February 22nd, 2012 meeting

-tabled due to lack of quorum

Subcommittee Reports

-Personnel: The committee has not yet met, so there is no change since last month

-Communications: Julie Still spoke with Mr. Matheussen prior to our meeting requesting that a few chairs be reserved for CAC members at each monthly board meeting. She also asked that the CAC be permitted to give a brief report at each monthly board meeting to be prepared & read by the chairman or a selected representative. He agreed to implement both of those suggestions immediately. Other points of discussion are found in the report generated by the subcommittee that was distributed.

-Capital Expenditures: no report at this time.

-Finance: Patricia Ettore distributed the written responses from Mr. Matheussen to CAC members. We reviewed & discussed them. Overall, there was dissatisfaction as to how some issues seem to be danced around & others are just ignored. Please see the full report.

-Transit: Jonathan Latko & Tony DeSantis will be meeting with the new head of Patco, John Rink on 4/03. They distributed their questions to the CAC for review & discussion. These questions have already been submitted to Mr. Rink in advance of their meeting.

Nomination: Fred informed us that we still need to replace more members as first year term limits will expire at the end of April. Since the applicant pool is small, it was suggested that each CAC member think of 5 people that may be interested in serving on our committee. If at least 1 of those 5 shows interest, then we would have 18 potential new members.

New Member Update

Four of our newest nominees attended tonight's meeting: Bob Malikian, Al Huber, William Holmes & Charles Bernier. They each introduced themselves & explained to the CAC why they would like to join. Their membership is pending an interview & DRPA Board approval.

Recommendations

We reviewed the recommendations made so far in anticipation of our May deadline. It was decided that number 7- the sale of one of the bridges to reduce debt- should be eliminated. The sale of one of the 4 bridges is not possible. Also, recommendation number 8- ending politically appointed positions- should be eliminated as well. The practice itself will never stop and to suggest that is out of the realm of what the CAC can realistically expect.

We would like to add that the recently hired Inspector General, Tom Rafferty be invited to attend our CAC meetings. As the unbiased watchdog of the DRPA, his insight would be very valuable. Also, the minutes of the DRPA/Patco meetings & subcommittee meetings need to be uploaded in a searchable PDF format on the main website. Also, the term limits for DRPA Board members need to be published. Since it differs in each state, we felt the public should know how long a member serves on the board once appointed.

Open Discussion

We need to verify that our official CAC calendar runs yearly from May to April. If so, that means officer elections are to be held at our next meeting as well as voting on 8 new members.

The Ben Franklin Bridge Tour needs to be rescheduled for either May or June if possible.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 25th at 6:00pm.

Attendance:

New Jersey: Barry Beck, Patricia Ettore, Jonathan Latko, Chrisandra Parker

Pennsylvania: Behari Mehta, Julie Still, Fred Stuart, Tyrone Wesley, Sean Garry

Respectfully submitted by Sean Garry, Vice Chairman, acting Chairman & acting Secretary.