

**Delaware River Port Authority**

**Citizens Advisory Committee Minutes**

**June 12, 2014**

**Attendance:**

NJ – John Boyle, Judy Boldurian, Kathy Venuti, Helen McKenna-Uff, Anthony DeSantis, Jonathan Latko  
PA - Michael Rochester, Robert Melikian, Tom Jordan  
DRPA Staff: Dawn Whiton

**Adoption of Minutes from May 14, 2014 meeting**

Minutes of the May Meeting were approved.

**Report of the Vice Chairman**

No Report of the Vice-Chairman

**Subcommittee Reports**

- A. Recruitment:** No report of the Recruitment Committee.
- B. Communications** – No report of the Communications Committee.
- C. Personnel** – No report of the Personnel Committee. Michael Rochester stated that now that PATCO matters have settled down he will reach out to John Rink again.
- D. Transit/PATCO: Potential SEPTA Strike:** The potential SEPTA/Regional Rail Strike was mentioned to happen on Saturday 12:01 a.m. Tony DeSantis made mention of the ridership numbers and that there is no significant change. NJ Transit hasn't seen a significant change either. Michael Rochester asked about the Atlantic City Line. John Boyle mentioned that John Hanson called him to advise of the temporary restrictions of bicycles at the peak times. Foldable bike are allowed. John Boyle was happy about the how the process was handled. South Walkway is shut down – the cattle shot is the only way to go. Michael Rochester mentioned that there is an O&M Meeting this Friday wherein NJDOT BRB South Walkway Pedestrian and questioned the topic of discussion. "PATCO Watchers" on twitter – there is a citizen police retweeting everything on PATCO. John Hanson is active on Twitter also. PATCO Train breaking down on Monday was mentioned and agrees that at least everyone knows what is going on. Was recommended to plug into "PATCO Watcher" or hash tag PATCO. A new App was mentioned next.pat.co where you can select a train and see a schedule. Not real time. Member asked if there was anything mentioned ahead of time about the Bridge Shutdown over the weekend prior to the news articles. Buses being used were mentioned and NJ Transit buses were assumed. Shut down of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street was mentioned and that the flyers are ahead of schedule. Jonathan Latko questioned the construction workers and they advised that they are on schedule.
- E. Finance:** Kathy Venuti pulled up the Audit Committee Agenda from Aril 2<sup>nd</sup>. Helen Uff was not able to see as she has not signed a confidentiality Agreement. DRPA is being asked to send an agreement to Helen.

Tim Ireland's resignation was mentioned. A question arose as to who his replacement is. Fran O'Brien's name was mentioned. Kathy Venuti asked if Fran O'Brien can come to the next CAC Meeting to speak to their group about what the plan is going forward and marketing. A new press Release is needed to solicit new recruits. CAC will reach out to Corporate Communications to request same.

Ms. Venuti would like to review the Board packets and pick out sections that may need address. Ms. Venuti made mention of the Report of the Inspector General and his Plan for 2013 and 2014. His list is color coded with

Audits in red, blue being important and green as secondary. Ms. Venuti asked if they could get a copy of his conclusions and findings or at least a summary of each report. They would then like Mr. Rafferty to come in sometime in September to discuss with them the status of the Reports. There are 4 completed and 2 in progress.

Ms. Venuti also made mention of the Blue Horizon Loan and Jonathan Latko stated that there was another extension granted. Best to let it go through so that money can be recouped.

## **Old Business**

Jonathan Latko asked what happened at DRPA last Board Meeting. John Dougherty's comments about the job inequality for NJ and PA. His demand for the document study about privatizing PATCO needs to be completed.

Gateway Park was mentioned and Anthony DeSantis will check with NJ Conservation Group about the status of the opening of the park.

New Rail Cars were mentioned to be 2 yrs out. They will not be installed until after the Track Rehab Project. Anthony DeSantis advised that that should be completed in July. There was an issue of the emergency brake system going off prematurely. Alstom has signed off and if all ok the first car should be utilized in late July.

## **New Business**

John Boyle mentioned the scheduling of the subcommittees. Conference calls could be done or perhaps a 5:30 meeting or have the first 30 minutes dedicated to committee and then start official meeting. Further discussion would be needed.

## **Subcommittee Work Plans for 2015**

A 2015 target date to have a Report be presented to the DRPA Commissioners with their Goals, etc. needs to be considered.

## **Open Forum**

Ms. Venuti asked for help in setting aside ½ hour for the review of prior Board Packet and/or any reports. Tony DeSantis agreed to help out with this task.

Jonathan Latko made mentioned that there are i-pads available for the use to the CAC Members for their meetings. He has asked numerous times for the wi fi password and has not been given it, so the I-pads would be a solution. CAC will reach out to DRPA Officials to see if the I-Pads can be made available on their Board Days.

Ms. Venuti requested that one final hard copy of the Board Packet be available.

Bob Melikian stated that Behari Mehta and Fred Stuart need to be removed from the list as active members. He also made mention of the DRPA being one of the "Most Healthiest Employees". He asked if they could be added to the Wellness email Blast and an invitation to the annual Health & Wellness Event would be nice. CAC will reach out to DRPA Officials to inquire about same.

DRPA next few Board Meetings were mentioned – Thursday June 19 @ 9:30 a.m. at OPC, July 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m. in Collingswood, and August 20<sup>th</sup> at the PA Convention Center @10:00 a.m. with subject to change.

DRPA Executive Sessions were discussed. CAC Members will reach out to DRPA Officials to see if one of their members can sit in on Executive Sessions since the Confidentiality Agreements have been signed.

Adjourn.