

Delaware River Port Authority

**Citizens Advisory Committee Minutes**

September 10, 2014

**Attendance:**

NJ – Kathy Venuti, Anthony DeSantis, Helen Uff,  
PA - Michael Rochester, Robert Melikian, Tom Jordan, Darren Johnson  
DRPA Staff: John Hanson, Dawn Whiton, Fran O'Brien  
Other: Martin Otremsky (prospective member), Stephen Benigno (prospective member) and Jeff Kessler  
(prospective member)

**Presentation of the DRPA CEO**

John Hanson, DRPA CEO, gave a brief update on the PATCO article by Bill Vigrass, upcoming DVRPC study, PATCO's new schedule, and most recent delay due to equipment failure. Mr. Hanson also made mention of 3700 overtime since the start of the project June 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Presentation of the DRPA Acting Director of Corporate Communications**

Fran O'Brien gave a brief update on the track rehab and impact on the communities. Member Kathy Venuti questioned the latest press on secret meeting in Philadelphia with Commissioners. Fran assured her that there was a meeting, not a board meeting which took place in Philadelphia that involved a few Board Member. She advised that the press were incorrect in stating that it was a Board Meeting. Vice-Chairman Rochester inquired as to whether a CAC member can participate in the interviews for the new Director of Corporate Communications interviews.

**Adoption of Minutes from June 12, 2014 meeting**

Minutes of the June Meeting were approved.

**Report of the Vice Chairman**

No Report of the Vice-Chairman

**Subcommittee Reports**

- A. Recruitment:** Martin Otremsky was in attendance as a potential new candidate. A vote was made to move his application to the next level. Jeff Kessler, a prospective new member, gave the committee information about himself. Stephen Benigno, a prospective new member, gave the committee information about himself.
- B. Communications** – No report of the Communications Committee.
- C. Personnel** – No report of the Personnel Committee.
- D. Transit/PATCO:** Committee was satisfied with Mr. Hanson's updates and Mr. DeSantis also reported that he did speak with John Rink.
- E. Finance:** Kathy Venuti received 1 hard copy of the last two month's DRPA Board Packet. She asked the committee how they would like to go forward with handling each of the committee.

## **Old Business**

The Gateway Project was discussed.

## **New Business**

Ferry Service was discussed.

## **Open Forum**

All new prospective member are invited back to attend the committees' next meeting.

**\*Remaining: CAC Board Meeting Dates:** October 8, 2014, November 12, 2014, and December 10, 2014

**\*\*DRPA Board Meeting Dates:** September 18, 2014 @ 9:00 am at the Friends Meeting House; October 16, 2014; 9:00 a.m. at Camden facility; November 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. Widener University; December 11 @ 9:00 a.m. at Camden facility.

Adjourn.