

Delaware River Port Authority
Citizens Advisory Committee Minutes

January 14, 2015

Attendance:

NJ – John Boyle, Jonathan Latko, Steve Benigno, Martin Ostremski, Judy Bouledurian, Kathy Venuti, Anthony DeSantis, Helen Uff,

PA - Michael Rochester, Tom Jordan, Bob Melikian, Al Huber

DRPA Staff: John Hanson, Dawn Whiton

Other: Mike Izzo, (prospective member)

Call to Order

Adoption of Minutes from November 12, 2014 meeting

Minutes of the November Meeting were approved.

CEO Update

John Hanson gave a brief update on the PATCO Cars mentioning a possible press event once acceptance is taken. John Hanson also gave an update on the sale of the Ferry to Cooper's Ferry and Delaware River Water Corporation. The proposed sale is for 300k paid in 10 year installments of \$30,000 per year. DRPA's liability will end.

John Hanson notified the Members that Danielle McNichol had resigned and that Kristen Mayock is now Acting General Counsel. Question was asked as to whether CAC Members can participate in the interviewing process of the new IG. Mr. Hanson stated that he would bring it to the Audit Committee's Chairman and Vice-Chairman's attention.

John Hanson also gave a brief overview on the WiFi project advising that there is zero cost to the authority. Verizon is also interested and perhaps we may derive revenue. Martin Otremski suggested perhaps to have whatever services decided on through Franklin Square Station. John Hanson advised that he will speak to John Rink on this matter.

John Hanson also advised that the CAC Members should work with Dawn Whiton with regard to coordinating the new PATCO Car Viewing.

Report of the Vice Chairman

No Report of the Vice-Chairman

Subcommittee Reports

- A. Recruitment:** all three new members have been finalized (Martin Otremsky, Jeff Kessler and Stephen Benigno). Introductions were made for a potential new member, Mike Izzo. Mr. Izzo works for an architectural firm in Philadelphia and wanted to see exactly what the CAC was about.
- 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. A decision was made to wait until the cars are accepted so that the committee may ride the cars and view at the same time. They would like to do this on a weekend during daylight. Also, they also requested an invite to attend the now tentative press conference.
- E. Finance:** Kathy Venuti asked to have David Aubrey come back in perhaps March to speak to the group. She also made mention of the GIS and that perhaps they would be able to have the company handling this matter to come in and speak with their group.

Old Business

No old Business.

New Business

Discussion on the Washington Metro took place. Helen Uff expressed her concerns about what if it happened on our PATCO Line is there emergency plans in place. Steve Benigno stated that there are plans regulated by the FTA for SEPTA and that he was sure that PATCO had their plans also. Helen Uff requested a copy of the PATCO evacuation plan in case of an emergency. She mentioned that with the car filling up with smoke that perhaps train operators should carry certain materials that would be able to block smoke from coming into cars. Mike Rochester stated that the entire episode lasted 45 minutes and that was the real problem as to why people were stuck on the train for 45 minutes.

Open Forum

***Next CAC Board Meeting February 11, 2015 @ 6:00 p.m.**

****DRPA Board Meeting Dates: February 18, 2015**

Adjourn.