

Delaware River Port Authority

Citizens Advisory Committee Minutes

February 11, 2015

Attendance:

NJ – John Boyle, Steve Benigno, Martin Otremsky, John Sandone, Jeff Kessler

PA - Michael Rochester, Tom Jordan, Bob Melikian, Tyrone Wesley

DRPA Staff: John Hanson, Dawn Whiton

Other: Mike Izzo, (prospective member)

Call to Order

Adoption of Minutes from January 14 2015 meeting

Minutes of the January Meeting were approved.

CEO Update

John Hanson gave a brief update on the PATCO Rehab Schedule which is changing tomorrow. Mr. Kessler asked about the announcement schedule like we had when the quiet car was first announced and John Hanson stated he would follow-up. John Hanson gave a brief PATCO Car Overhaul update with the traction motor delay. John Hanson stated that he will not accept the cars any earlier than they are ready. He also mentioned the CEO Night Shift meeting and commended the accompanying staff. He also gave an update on the sale of the ferry.

Robert Melikian asked about the letter to the editor and Michael Rochester asked as to whether a reply should be made.

Martin Otremsky asked if perhaps the schedule could be printed in Excel and John Hanson stated he would follow-up.

John Boyer asked that since the PATCO ridership has dropped have you seen an increase in motor traffic. John Hanson confirmed same. He also asked if the call boxes were working. The green lights are on. John Hanson stated that they are still in the installation process and would check on that for Mr. Boyle.

Robert Melikian asked about the Dranoff Matter. John Hanson stated that DRPA was paid in full with interest. Mr. Melikian also asked about the Verizon Contract and John Hanson stated that Comcast was putting Wi-Fi and was making it available to everyone and he also believed that Verizon subscribers would have the same opportunity.

John Hanson commended Jim White for the Resolution for the 1 Million loan guaranty application for the CBB Painting Project.

Michael Rochester asked about someone from the CAC attending the interviewing process for the new Inspector General to help with the minimal qualifications. John Hanson stated that any decision would have to wait until new Board comes in.

Steve Benigno and Mr. Hanson discussed the *cab signals* flipping in the operating cab of the new cars.

John Hanson made mention that he recently attended a Pennsauken Rotary Meeting and our Commissioner Rick Taylor commended the CAC on what a great job they are doing and wanted to thank them.

Report of the Vice Chairman

No Report of the Vice-Chairman

Subcommittee Reports

A. Recruitment: We have four new members; three have been finalized (Martin Otremsky, Jeff Kessler and Stephen Benigno). Need to drum up PA recruitment. A motion was made to accept Mike Izzo as a new member and to waive the additional third meeting requirement. Since there was no quorum, the committee then asked that a vote be sent out electronically to all Members and the results are as follows of those who responded:

Yes: 11 Members: (Johnson, Rochester, Boldurian, Boyle, Otremsky, Sandone, Huber, Jordan, Benigno, Wesley, Venuti)

No: 1 Member: Kessler

- B. Personnel** – Now that things have settled down, they will try and do an outreach to John Rink with a list of personnel matters.
- C. Transit/PATCO:** Committee was satisfied with Mr. Hanson's updates. Jeff Kessler asked about the ½ hour, 15 minutes on Saturday and 20 minutes on Sunday schedule be reinstated and wait to see new schedule to work on matching connecting links, i.e. RiverLine schedule. Chairman Boyle asked for an update of the Bike ramp. He noticed the call boxes and tweeted about them.
- D. Finance:** Not Report of the Finance Committee.

Old Business

No old Business.

New Business

Martin Otremsky made mention of the traffic today on the BFB. He noticed a white Jeep parked at Bridge operated by Police officer. No one realized it was a police vehicle. Why were they using this particular vehicle?

Open Forum

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

****DRPA Board Meeting Dates: March 18, 2015 @ 10:30 a.m.**

Adjourn.