

**Delaware River Port Authority**  
**Citizens Advisory Committee Minutes**

**March 11, 2015**

**Attendance:**

NJ – Steve Benigno, John Sandone, Jeff Kessler, Judy Boldurian, Kathy Venuti, Anthony DeSantis

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

DRPA Staff: John Hanson, Dawn Whiton, Fran O'Brien, Dan Cosgrove, Ed Montgomery,

Other: Mike Izzo, (prospective member) Melissa Rysak (prospective member)

**Call to Order**

**Adoption of Minutes from February 11, 2015 meeting**

Minutes of the February Meeting were approved as corrected on the floor.

**Outside Consultant**

Consultant Joe Riley of Amman & Whitney, Inc. showed the committee the renderings of the new bike ramp and gave a brief update on the status. (Renderings attached) Dan Cosgrove announced that DVRPC has provided additional funding for this project. Gantry I has the modified walkway and will be widened to 10 feet for clearance between the railings. There will be a 5% slope on the ramp. A lighting study will be done also. Mr. Sandone asked if there will be additional police presence. Dan Cosgrove stated that the ramp will be incorporated in their routine, but there will not be a dedicated police presence for just the ramp. Mr. Benigno asked if the surveillance cameras would be on the ramp and Dan advised that yes, it was part of the contract, but DRPA is not there yet. Vice-Chairman Rochester asked about the timeline. Dan Cosgrove replied that the completed design will be finished in 2015 with construction complete in 2016. Mr. Rochester asked if there were plans for a speed bump and Dan Cosgrove replied that there would not be speed bumps. Mr. Benigno comments as to what happens when a train is evacuated. Mr. Cosgrove replied that this ramp is above the PATCO line and walkway and would not be used in the emergency evacuations. Mr. Benigno asked about a standpipe and Dan Cosgrove confirmed that there is an existing standpipe and it will continue to be maintained. The Board asked that Mr. Cosgrove and the consultant to come back at the end of this year for a final update.

**Report of the Vice Chairman**

No Report of the Vice-Chairman

**Subcommittee Reports**

- A. Recruitment:** We were going to have two new potential members, Brian Preski, could not make it tonight, but Melissa Rysak, of Henderson Engineers, Inc., is here. Mike Izzo has attended his third meeting, so next is **to notify Telete for scheduling an interview with the Audit Committee.**
- B. Personnel** – Mike Rochester stated he is trying to set up a meeting with John Rink to have a discussion.
- C. Transit/PATCO:** Anthony DeSantis stated that the cars are delayed again.
- D. Finance:** Not Report of the Finance Committee.

## **Old Business**

Jeff Kessler advised that he had attended the December 4th Board Meeting and made mention of the Gateway Park Issues. Mike Rochester asked if they could be provided with the BIO's of the new commissioners once received.

**New Business** – No new business.

## **CEO Update**

John Hanson gave a brief PATCO Car update and the status with the consultants, STV and LTK. Two problems remaining; one being the manuals not suitable right now and cab flip issue. John Hanson gave an extensive explanation of the car flip matter with the radio signal issue. DRPA would like the matter resolved and potential liquidated damages. Even though the problem is not a safety issue, more of a nuisance matter, DRPA will not take back the cars until everything is resolved.

John Hanson also gave a brief update on the Ferry matter. He stated that the Board has approved the sale to DRWC and the FTA has approved same. FHWA, who also put grant money in, has not signed off on the sale. We do not anticipate the resolution happening before the Ferry season, so there is a management agreement being negotiated until FHW signs off.

Kathy Venuti asked about how the Inspector General's Applications/resumes are coming along. John Hanson stated that they are finished with the minimum qualifications and all qualified candidates will be turned over to the Audit Committee.

Michael Rochester asked if a CAC Member could participate in the interview process for this position. John Hanson stated that he would asked the Audit Committee and get back to the committee.

## **Open Forum**

**\*Next CAC Board Meeting April 8th @ 6:00 p.m.**

**\*\*DRPA Board Meeting Dates: March 18, 2015 @ 10:30 a.m. (Tony DeSantis and Michael Rochester plan on attending)**

Adjourn.