

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

**October 14, 2015**

**Attendance:**

NJ – Judy Boldurian, Martin Otremsky, Larry Davis, John Boyle, Steve Benigno, Anthony DeSantis, Jeff Kessler

PA – Bob Melikian, Tyrone Wesley, Al Huber, Tom Jordan

DRPA Staff: John Hanson, Ben Cornelius, Dawn Whiton

Other: Mike Devlin, Kathy Arena

**Call to Order**

**Adoption of Minutes from September 9, 2015 meeting**

Minutes of the September 9, 2015 meeting were approved.

**Report of John Hanson, CEO**

**Papal Visit** – Completed the papal visit with no problems. The experience was positive for both employees and passengers. DRPA will be absorbing the costs of the visit. Learned from mistakes made at the World Series event.

A question was asked about the PATCO Survey which should be released October 29<sup>th</sup>. It will not be published online.

A question was asked about the status of the walkway ramp. Is the bike ramp still in the capital budget?

Bob Melikian thanked Mr. Hanson for the ID Cards and Mr. Hanson thanked the committee and Jon Latko's tenacity to bring the organization up to where we are today.

**PATCO**

Mr. Davis asked about the signage on the monitors and the LED screens in terms of "next train" information. Mr. Cornelius stated that the old cars/scata system is not equipped to handle and that new system but the capability is there on the new cars. The next train system will allow for the monitors and scrolling led signs that can be changed. Are delays and manually entered and Ben answered "yes". The monitors are used for PATCO advertisements and increased advertising. Eventually once the new scata system is installed then these changes can be planned. Specifically having the information shown prior to the gates. How many new trains do we have up and running? 22 refurbished cars have been accepted. 2 cars every other week. How long is the warranty on the new refurbished cars? Mr. Cornelius briefly explained the leaf cleanup schedule. How are the elevators doing? Mr. Cornelius stated that the westbound at Woodcrest is broken quite seriously. It's not just a part, there is serious damage and actually took parts on the eastbound is not out of service. This matter is under warranty. Is there work that still needs to be done as part of the track outage? Mr. Cornelius stated that they are still continuing with the signal lines and the new system. New electrical fees and the power still needs to be off. Work should be completed April of next year. Then of course starts the Westmont Viaducts Project for the tract fasteners which need to be rehabilitated. Not only night but weekend outages. Is there a policy on leaving leaflets at the station? This is against protocol.

**Bike Ramp**

On the Fifth Street Terminal, will there be a buffer and will there be new LED lighting installed?

**Report of the Vice Chairman**

No Report of the Vice-Chairman

**Subcommittee Reports**

**A. Recruitment:** Bob Melikian introduced two potential new members, Kathryn Arena and Mike Develin.

**B. Personnel** – No Report of the Personnel Committee.

**C. Transit/PATCO:** John Hanson report covered.

**D. Finance:** No Report of the Finance Committee.

**Old Business –**

**New Business Open Forum - Formal** Elections need to happen at next meeting? Committee stated that election had already taken place. Annual Report will be started in early May of next year, in January a Committee will be formed to develop and complete CAC Annual Report. Anthony DeSantis volunteered to write the annual report.

Another request is being made to have the OIG attend the November Meeting. Also, Director of Communications, Kyle Anders will also be attending the next CAC Meeting.

**\*Next CAC Meeting (November 10, 2015 @ 6:00 p.m. (A date to be determined as Nov. 11 this is a holiday for DRPA.)**

**\*\*DRPA Board Meeting Dates: October 21, 2015 @ 6:00 p.m. at the Riverwinds, West Deptford.**

Questions for the DRPA Board

1. 5<sup>th</sup> Street Tunnel Construction Bike land status. Currently a dangerous situation.
2. Franklin Square – where grant application is?
3. Area By Campbell's will it be a new stations (Newton Avenue)
4. Express Lanes on left hand side – any plans for this.

Adjourn.