

Delaware River Port Authority

Citizens Advisory Committee Minutes

January 13, 2016

Attendance:

- NJ** - John Boyle, Anthony DeSantis, Steve Benigno, Judy Boldurian, Michael Izzo, Jeffrey Kessler, Jonathan Latko, Martin Otremsky, Mike Devlin
- PA** - Bob Melikian, Tyrone Wesley
- DRPA** - Mary Weikel

Call to Order

Adoption of Minutes from November 10, 2015 Meeting

Minutes of the November 10, 2015 meeting were approved.

Subcommittee Reports

- A. Recruitment** - The Committee was expecting someone to interview who was interested in joining the CAC, however, he did not show up. Mike Devlin, who has attended three meetings, was welcomed again. John Boyle recommended they put in an official nomination before the Finance Committee. John made motion to the Finance Committee and all were in favor.
- B. Communications** - Nothing to report.
- C. Personnel** – Mike not here, nothing to report.
- D. Finance** - Kathy not here, nothing to report.
- E. Old Business/New Business** -
- John Boyle meant to put in the agenda for an open discussion about goals and what needs to be done in 2016.
 - Would like to submit schedule for meetings for the year.
 - Mr. Boyle is happy to be Chair and thanks the group for voting for him.
 - It was asked if we need to redo Committee Assignments. It was mentioned that possibly the Committee could just have a point person. Mr. Boyle will send an email with a list for those who are not here so that they can weigh in and solidifying who those people are.

- Infrastructure. Would like to see if John Hanson would every now and then discuss the capital program a little deeper. Need more time to see what they are doing with the capital program. Asked Tony DeSantis to be part of the program. John Boyle said he would take part too.
- Jeffrey Kessler asked if still going to have Transit. Not all transit issues are capital. Mr. Kessler would be willing to be the Transit Committee chair. There is usually a lot of discussion about PATCO and other things on the horizon such as Franklin Square and Westmont Viaduct. The Transit Committee will stay for now.
- Discussed possibility of coming up with an annual report. Since this is a new year the Committee can start thinking about structure and what they want to say in the report. Goal at the end of the year is a good time to bring stuff up. Could include the press release, the trains, the personnel and the organizational stuff, issues with finance, kind of combining what these committees are working on. Tyrone Wesley suggested the report be prepared by June, for possibly the Philly meeting, with a cut-off date in March.
- John Boyle suggested it be prepared for the third quarter, this shows more of a reflection what the Committee worked on through the year. Set goal for October for year-end report.
- Would like to come up with strategy for more people to come to meetings. Try to set goal and strive for a quorum. How can the Committee communicate better, come up with strategy for more people to come to meetings. Possibly have other type of speakers come out in, and how do you meet people in here? Hearing the Finance Report from Inspector General just a thought. Does not think would interfere with other things the Committee does. Just brainstorming.
- Discussed other locations for meetings. Suggest maybe meeting in a restaurant. Martin Otremsky suggested more advertising/marketing at train stations and to put in more places. Jeffrey Kessler suggested the billboards. Would like to see more members join from Philly area. Suggested it may be more interesting if went on a few field trips, like SEPTA, BFB, etc. Could invite the press. Feel that things have changed and that the committee thrived when there was more controversy. John liked idea of field trips and having a few meetings in Philly. Suggest try three meetings in Philly but will need to find a few locations. A few members mentioned having meeting in their office. Another location possibility is Penn's Landing, now called Delaware River Waterfront Corp. Mr. Boyle said to members to think about locations and then figure out how hard it will be to get there, and the parking situation. Check with John Hanson for possible Lindenwold PATCO office for meeting and check out meeting rooms at the bridges.
- Also suggested for new meetings for members to bring a friend.
- Mr. Boyle mentioned he would like to ask John Hanson if there is any specific policy for bringing Hoverboards, Electric Assist Bikes or Segways onto PATCO. Apparently NJ Transit has a policy for Segways.

- Would like to have Kyle Anderson of DRPA at the February meeting.

Next CAC Meeting February 10, 2016 at 6 p.m.

Meeting adjourned.