

Delaware River Port Authority

Citizens Advisory Committee Minutes

January 11, 2017

Attendance:

- NJ** - John Boyle, Steve Benigno, Mike Devlin, Marcus Stenson, Jeff Kessler
Judy Bouldurian, Martin Otremsky, Anthony Desantis, Jon Latko,
- PA** - Robert Melikian, Tom Jordan, Michael Rochester, Larry Davis, Al Huber,
- Other** - Potential members: Lea Fortunato, Daniel Northfleet, Randy LoBasso and Joseph Russelle
- DRPA** - John Hanson, Mike Venuto, John Rink, James White, Toni Brown, Ray Santarelli, Robert Hicks, Bill Shanahan, Dawn Whiton

Call to Order

Adoption of Minutes from November 9, 2016 Meeting

Minutes of the November 9, 2016 meeting were approved.

DRPA Staff

Introductions were made of each DRPA Staff Member. Each Staff Member gave a brief discussion and description of their department.

Bike Lane

Discussions were made about the debris on the bike lane and the lack of plowing the bike lane. A summary report was provided to the committee by John Hanson. Michael Venuto also provided information on the matter.

Jon Boyle suggested that DRPA perhaps join Vision 0 Task Force

Franklin Square Station

Mike Venuto stated that engineering put out the advertisement for consultant statement qualifications. SOQ's are due January 25th then RFP in March to send out and bring to Board for consideration in summer of 2017. Judy Bouldurian asked the question as to the 1300 people are they drawn from 8th & Market station? Response is that some will and Board believes that a spur in new development will create additional new riders. Will this delay the elevator project? Response No. Steve Benigno asked if we will be doing an Environmental Study for the new station. Response yes. Mike Venuto stated that probably the biggest issue will be lead paint. Question was asked about Knight's station. Response is that DRPA is currently not involved in that project. VC Nash advised that press took it out of context and assuming the GCL line will be built. Looks like there will be a NJ Transit Station with a potential PATCO stop.

Train Incident at City Hall

Discussions were made about the incident. The incident was not a traction motor issue but a short in an electrical cable. There was no fire, but smoke from when the electrical cable shorted and protected fuses blew. Service was set to be restored, however since smoke was reported, the Fire Department is in control, must inspect and clear the scene. Couldn't there be buses on standby? PATCO would need a minimum of 10 buses on hand for each 6 car train, and would probably take more than 2 hours to arrive. After Action meeting discussions will happen and in the meantime, a handout with a list of Alternate Travel information PATCO gives out to customers was given to the committee. The Committee asked if we could tweet these means of transportation alternatives for riders to get. Responded that this was a good idea and that we would look into. The Committee asked if we could look into the Transit screens that our found in various building posting real time transit information. We indicated that we would look into the possibility of adding these screens.

8th & Market Elevator

Marcus Stenson stated that this elevator not working is a huge concern for the disabled. Is there a way that there can be a van made available to take to another station that has an elevator working and that signage is posted before the turn style to advise? It was stated that they believe PATCO already does this.

Subcommittee Reports

- A. Finance.** Nothing to report.
- B. Communications -** Nothing to report.
- C. Persons with Disabilities.** On DRPA's webpage under the Disability Act when you click onto the area the form does not come up.
- D. Recruitment** – need to work on perhaps changing the By-Laws, original had staggered terms. Need to meet to change them in Executive Committee. Lea Fortunato is waiting for Audit Committee interview. Discussions were made on how to increase PA membership. By-Law Committee will consist of Judy Bouldurian, John Boyle, Mike Rochester, Mike Devlin, Tom Jordon and Jeff Kessler.
- E. Personnel.** Nothing to Report
- F. Operations/Engineering.** Nothing new to report.
- G. Old Business/New Business -**

OPEN Forum:

- A request was made to have the sheet updated which has all of the commissioners with their pictures available for next meeting. Also a handout was originally given to early members that has pertinent information in it to be given to all new members. Dawn will give to appropriate DRPA staff for updating.
- Jeff Kessler made mention that he is currently on a Youth Service of America group and they are coordinating kids with special needs event at SEPTA headquarters. This event is for kids and parents with special needs that cannot often get a driver's license a funding for Earth Day, April 22nd and Jeff will provide all the information needed. Would we be able to ask DRPA to fund

their rides for these special needs kids and parents to the event? Committee will consider asking DRPA for such a request.

Meeting adjourned.