

**Delaware River Port Authority**

**Citizens Advisory Committee Minutes**

**February 8, 2017**

**Attendance:**

- NJ** - John Boyle, Steve Benigno, Mike Devlin, Jeff Kessler  
Judy Bouldurian, Kathy Venuti, Anthony Desantis, Jon Latko,
- PA** - Robert Melikian, Michael Rochester, Larry Davis, Tyrone Wesley,
- Other** - Potential members: Lea Fortunato, Bruce Schwartz, Daniel Northfleet
- DRPA** - John Rink, Christina Maroney, Len Rustam, Dawn Whiton

**Call to Order**

**Adoption of Minutes from January 11, 2017 Meeting**

Minutes of the January 11, 2017 meeting were approved.

**PATCO Updates**

- **Rail Car:** John Rink, General Manager of PATCO made mention that currently we have 42 cars in revenue. Two more are arriving on Friday and 2 more at the end of next week. So will be 46 cars total.
- **Video Monitors:** Delivery of video monitors will be next month and installation bid will go to the Board within the next few months. Actual installation will probably be in the fall/early winter.
- **LCD Panels:** LCD panels are now in stations for advertising. We can now put out delays and/or service interruptions.
- **PATCO Watchers:** Mr. Davis has a few questions about on-time performance shown in the General Manager's report to Board. John Rink discussed on-time performance for month of January along with circulating the 3 year on-time performance chart found in the report. Mr. Rochester asked if anyone reached out to SEPTA with regard to their recent car problems and John Rink confirmed that he did in fact reach out to over this past weekend. SEPTA has issue with cracks in some of their car trucks. PATCO does not have a similar crack issue.
- **Quiet Car:** More signage was requested for the quiet car location. John Rink indicated would look into adding signage, especially in the rehabbed cars.
- **City Hall Train Incident:** Mr. Northfleet asked a follow-up question about last month's incident with the smoking car and the protocol used.

### **BFB Walkway**

Ramp bids were 3 x's over so had to go back to the drawing Board and redo bid package once NJDOT approves the design. Len Rustam, mentioned drawings were received and still need NJDOT signoff. Should be coming up in either April or May Board Meeting and bid award should be June or July.

### **Strategic Planning**

Christina Maroney, Director of Strategic Initiatives presented to the Committee a power point presentation, "Strategic Planning Process Summary of Results of Public Outreach" (attached) with a Q&A Session that followed.

- A question arose about the number (532) respondents which is not even 1% of the 40K riders.
- A question arose about DRPA's communication to the public i.e. status of the economic development
- Comment was made regarding doing a PR Campaign on what exactly DRPA does and what's currently going on.
- Comments was made that public perception is not the reality.
- Comment was made that their request for "list of assets/real estate" related to economic has gone unanswered. Perhaps a PR campaign on what DRPA has done in finishing the economic development.
- Committee inquired about whether DRPA has conducted an internal employee survey. Christina Maroney discussed the 2014 Employee Viewpoint Survey that was conducted and referenced the final report "The Path Forward to Achieving Our Stewardship Vision" (attached)

### **Pennsylvania Senate Transportation Committee**

- Comments were made regarding the PA Senate Transportation Committee reform bill passed and now awaiting Governor Wolf's approval. Outreach will be made to DRPA to express an interest to have CAC and this new group to be one and the same. Reach out to appropriate people to advise of that CAC is already doing the same.

### **By-Laws Amendments**

- Meeting with regard to amending the By-Laws needs to be set up. Perhaps a conference call would work.

### **Subcommittee Reports**

- A. **Finance.** Nothing to report.
- B. **Communications** - Nothing to report.
- C. **Persons with Disabilities.** Nothing to report.
- D. **Recruitment** – Robert Melikian stated that there are several applications left on the table and he will review and get back to the Board with regard to same. Lea Fortunato is waiting for Audit Committee interview and now so is Bruce Schwartz.
- E. **Personnel.** Nothing to Report
- F. **Operations/Engineering.** Nothing new to report.
- G. **Old Business/New Business** -

**Items to be addressed at DRPA Board Meeting:**

1. Update on the hiring of new IG
2. Status of Ethics Committee that is to be formed
3. SAP update
4. PA Senate Reform Bill

Topics for next CAC Meeting

1. Group would like David Aubrey to come in and speak about the IG position, etc.
2. Status on SAP
3. EZ Pass Violators Update
4. Road trip Request: Center Tower and Franklin Square Station

**OPEN Forum:**

Bruce Schwartz made mention of an interesting documentary by Ralph Mojeski about the Ben Franklin Bridge was on television the other is worth looking at.

**Next Meeting:** March 8, 2017

**Next DRPA Meeting:** February 15, 2017 and March 15, 2017

Meeting adjourned.