

**Delaware River Port Authority**

**Citizens Advisory Committee Minutes**

**October 11, 2017**

**Location: PATCO, Lindenwold, NJ**

**Attendance:**

**NJ** - Mike Devlin, Judy Boldurian, Bruce Schwartz, Martin Otremsky, Steve Benigno, Kathy Venuti

**PA** - Larry Davis, Tom Jordan, Daniel Northfleet, Bob Melikian; Lea Fortunato

**Emeritus Members:** John Boyle, Mike Rochester

**DRPA** - John Rink, Nicole Campion, John Hanson, and Dawn Whiton

**Call to Order**

**Adoption of Minutes from June Meeting**

Minutes of the September 13, 2017 meeting were approved.

**PATCO**

- Question was asked on the derailments and whether state requires to come out and inspect response: No.
- Who handles the social media on the weekends: response was John Hanson, John Rink, Police, Kyle Anderson and Mike Williams. Depending on an event/concert we will bring in social media on an as needed basis for the weekend.
- John Rink stated married pair #33 is in revenue service.
- Leaf season is starting and Westmont Viaduct is construction will start in November.
- DRPA/PATCO Alerts were discussed and it was agreed to reevaluate the notices

**Engineering**

- John Hanson spoke about the BFB North side walkway improvements and advised that they will not be taking place at this time.

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Discussion on the PA Senate Bill Pending. John Hanson responded that that most of these changes are already being done via the reforms. This is only a proposal. Appeared and testified at the Senate Hearings. Would have to be passed by the PA Governor. As part of the original compact written the other bridges were mentioned. We have no intention of taking over any other bridges.

By-Law Changes are with Ray Santarelli and will go before the next Audit Committee scheduled for November 29, 2017.

Does DRPA have a government agency to drive legislation? Response, no we do not have a firm to drive legislation as is there is really no need.

Senior Citizen Discounts were discussed and the reason behind the EZ-Pass needed.

Any and all medical discounts were discussed for patients attending weekly appointments hospital/visits. John Rink would look into what programs the state offers.

Has DRPA been involved with any planning for the Amazon headquarters? John Hanson responded no.

Robert Melikian asked if there was any plans to do a press release on all the “good” things DRPA has done over the last few years. John Hanson responded that there is some plans to do a few things and that the CAC would definitely be part of any event planned.

Questions arose as to why employees cannot ride PATCO for free. John Hanson explained the reform policies.

### **Subcommittee Reports**

- A. Finance.** Nothing to report.
  - B. Communications -** Nothing to report.
  - C. Persons with Disabilities.** Nothing to report.
  - D. Recruitment –** Nothing new to Report
  - E. Personnel.** Nothing to Report
  - F. Operations/Engineering.** Nothing new to report.
  - G. Old Business/New Business -**
- OPEN Forum:**

**Next CAC Meeting:** November 8, 2017 @ OPC

**Next DRPA Meeting:** October 18, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m. at Battleship NJ

Meeting adjourned.