

Delaware River Port Authority

Citizens Advisory Committee Minutes

October 10, 2018

Location: OPC Board Room, Camden, NJ

Attendance:

New Jersey: Mike Devlin, Martin Ostremiski, , Bruce Schwartz, Judy Boldurian and Kathleen Venuti, Martin King, Daniel Northfleet (via phone); Alan Becker

Pennsylvania: Bob Melikian, Tom Jordan, Larry Davis, Matt Zapson, and Daniel McArdle

Emeritus Member(s): John Boyle

DRPA/PATCO: John Rink, Mike Venuto, Brigitte Kordzian, Barbara Ryan Myers-Peterson and Robert Hicks

Potential Member(s): Reggie Haynes, Strasso Jovanovski, Matt Furman

Public Member(s): Kristin Ricchiuti

Call to Order

Adoption of Minutes from September Meeting

Minutes of the September meeting were approved.

Engineering

Mike Venuto

- Franklin Square cost was presented to the Board. The cost of the project is approximately \$26 million
- We applied for two different grants. One is FTA which we have and the other is BUILD (half of the cost of project \$13 Million)

Brigitte Kordzian

- Franklin Square Station and Park Presentation (renderings of the new building)
- Will meet with city of Philly, streets department, historic Philly and the park next week regarding the project to coordinate land acquisition and relocation of water pipe
- Final Bid set will be completed in December 2019
- Anticipated construction to start in the Spring of 2020
- Project completion in December 2022
- Bob Melikian asked why the cost is so much when we already have a station. Brigitte said the station above the ground is new and the underground portion must be brought up to today's code. The proposed station will be ADA compliant.

Mike Venuto responded:

- We will continue to apply for federal funding (some FTA funds are up to 80%)
- Have applied to BUILD Grant (up to 50%)
- Grants are generally not state funded

Larry Davis: Where was the old entrance location? John Rink responded that it will be in the same spot, but will be larger to accommodate an elevator and escalators.

Judy Boldurian asked if it will be operational 24/7 and John responded that it is unknown at this time.

Martin Otremsky asked about the schedule effect. John's response was Franklin Square station will add approximately 2 minutes to the overall run time.

Bruce Schwartz mentioned that the new building looks like Liberty Bell Pavilion. Could we use 1976 Bi-Centennial Bell that is in storage as for public art? Brigitte said we could ask next week.

Bob Melikian – Ben Franklin Bridge closed a few lanes. Two lanes in Philadelphia for repairing and weather. Issues that caused delays

Matt Zapson asked about Race Street. John answered:

- Walled off
- Put artistic items in west perspective
- Brick – new brick path should not be perpendicular to existing diagonal path in park. It should be perpendicular to Franklin St, perfectly East-West. This will keep people from walking through grass/mud.

Matt Furman – Last Friday 3AM – loud exploding noises:

- Jack hammer
- Mike Venuto: Yes, are working on BFB paving repairs
 - o Two weekends remaining
 - o Will work with Mike Williams to send a notice

Alan Becker – Walkway pedestrian mural ready online

- Mike Venuto will check and confirm up

PATCO Report

John Rink:

- 108 cars currently - will have by end this year
- Leaf schedule by weekend (Saturday)
- Schedule will be online next week
- 1,040 Freedom Share Cards issued to date
- End of month – will be able to load online for share card
- Customers – September didn't know our card worked too and they are (John online)

Reggie Haynes – Applications online, but not at kiosk in station? Larry asked if you could fill out and submit online. John is not sure but he will check. Reggie mentioned that a glitch was reported. John is aware and it will be fixed.

Larry asked if the cards will show low balances. Haynes asked if the cards will reload \$3.50. John said no, cards will not show balances. They will reload \$20.00 minimum auto-load. John said customers can load cash at the there are issues with the American Express card not being accepted. John said customers can load cash at Freedom Service Centers at Woodcrest and Broadway stations. By using auto reload will never allow the cards to never get too low. Applications will be available online to print and fill-out, but can also be submitted in person.

A. Finance. Nothing to report.

B. Communications - Nothing to report.

C. Persons with Disabilities. Nothing to report.

D. Recruitment – Strasso Jovanovski – Three meetings in New Jersey

Matt Furman – Three meetings in Pennsylvania. There was a vote and no one opposed, depending on availability. Kristin Ricchiuti (PA) 2nd visit

E. Personnel. Nothing to Report

F. Operations/Engineering. Nothing new to report.

G. Old Business/New Business -

OPEN Forum:

Robert Hicks, COO mentioned that the Tolling Technology Assessment project was close to being initiated.

CFO/Prosecutors to review cases. A toll review is coming.

Larry Davis – Past violators. Top 10 settled: Several indicted, settle for tolls. CEO Hanson will provide a full presentation on toll violators at next meeting.

Dan Norfleet – Question was asked about employees and other agencies riding for free and/or discount. Mr. Hanson stated that as of right now our current policy is that no one gets to ride for free, not employees, retirees or any other governmental employees.

Next CAC Meeting: Will be held at One Port Center on November 14, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m. **There will be no December Meeting.**

Next DRPA Meeting: DRPA Board Meeting on November 21, 2018 @ 9:00 a.m.