



Citizens Advisory Committee Minutes

October 10, 2019

Location: OPC Boardroom, Camden, NJ

Attendance:

New Jersey: Judy Boldurian, Reggie Haynes, Marty King (ph.), Mike Devlin (ph.)

Pennsylvania: Daniel McArdle, Bob Melikian, Larry Davis, Tyrone Wesley (ph.)

Emeritus Member(s) John Boyle/NJ

Potential Member(s):

DRPA/PATCO: Barbara Wagner

Public Member(s):

Call to Order

John Rink was unable to attend the meeting, but provided an update and answers to the October 10, 2019 Agenda that was read to the Committee by Dan McArdle, as follows:

- Elevator Project: Still on target to finish Haddonfield by end of year. At Ashland, hoping to re-open stairwell by end of year, elevator open by April 2020. Work just started at Westmont.
- New Schedule to start this weekend on Saturday, October 12, 2019. Trains to run slower speeds in/out of New Jersey Stations. Schedule to run until December 7, 2019.
- Santa Train will run on Saturday, December 7, 2019.
- Floor upgrades: Last phase at 15th/16th & Locust to be finished by October 14, 2019. This coming weekend and the following weekend will require closure of the 8th South Concourse. Customers will need to exit via the north side. These are the last phases of this work and headaches for our customers.
- Conrail pole work should be completed by this week, important milestone to get our south electrical, signal and communication lines back in service – first time since incident.
- We have ordered a new phone charger system for Woodcrest. Hope to have deployed in a few weeks. Attached are two photographs of the new chargers.

A Representative of the Engineering Department was unable to attend the meeting, but provided an update on the Solar Project as follows:

- The DRPA Solar Project is currently working on the interconnection agreements with the utilities. We are hoping for resolution by the end of the year, but it could be up to six months from now. In addition, we have completed the 30% design for the Commodore Barry Bridge, Betsy Ross Bridge, Woodcrest Station, Lindenwold Station and 90% design for One Port Center, Ashland Station and Ferry Avenue Station.

Old Business/Other Matters Discussed:

- Larry Davis has been Tweeting with John Rink re: the ceilings at 15th/16th & Locust in need of repair. John Rink advised that the property is owned by the City of Philadelphia and requests for repair have been made to the City by the DRPA. Larry's Q&A on Twitter is also open to the Public and creates involvement by the public on issues related to PATCO and the DRPA.
- Connector SEPTA buses during a PATCO shutdown were discussed. SEPTA doesn't have additional buses to accommodate a PATCO shutdown during an extended period of time.
- The roof and HVAC at the Lindenwold Station are set to be replaced in 2020.
- The parking lot at Ferry Avenue Station is packed by 10:00 a.m. Discussion was had to purchase property on Ferry Avenue. The cost per space to tear down and build parking lot would be too expensive.
- After input by the CAC, PATCO is working on logistics for the Owl Service to be put in place by the end of October 2019.
- The Santa Train will consist of only one train to be decorated for the holiday. Santa will be onboard to ride with kids accompanied by parents.
- A question was raised as to whether or not PATCO will have the announcements made by Santa during the month of December like last year. The decision to continue announcements by Santa has not been made yet for 2019.
- The floors at 15th/16th & Locust have been finished. The look is wet, but it is now a no-slip/grip floor.
- Presently, the cellphone battery charger is only at the Woodcrest Station (see attached photographs).

Ben Franklin Bike Ramp/Walkway

- Problems are occurring at the Ben Franklin Bike Ramp/Walkway. The hours are from May to September – 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. The hours from October to April are 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Police Officers have been turning riders and pedestrians away shortly after 7:30 p.m. It takes the average pedestrian 30 minutes to walk over the bridge at a slow pace. If the bridge hours are 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., the Bike Ramp and Walkway should be opened until that time. What is the time policy? Is this an over-time situation for Police Officers? Is there a security issue? Why can't the hours be longer? There are concerns about people who take the Bike

Ramp/Walkway that work a third shift, concert goers, etc. The Bike Ramp/Walkway should be opened during the hours as posted or change the time-frame for use.

Committees Going Forward

- Committees were formed to work in conjunction with DRPA/PATCO to bring information back to the organization. Recruitment by Bob Melikien is the only committee working at this time. Other than Recruitment, the CAC Subcommittees have had no relevance to the Committee and no one has expressed any interest in working in one. As a result, the subcommittees have become stagnant. Going forward, Daniel McArdle suggested that the Committee re-organize as a whole rather than a combination of subcommittees. Discussion was had on changing the By-Laws of the CAC Committee.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next CAC Meeting: Will be held at OPC on November, 13, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.

Next DRPA Board Meeting: Will be held at OPC on November 20, 2019 @ 9:00 a.m.