



Citizens Advisory Committee Minutes

January 8, 2020

Location: OPC Boardroom, Camden, NJ

Attendance:

New Jersey: Reggie Haynes, Alan Becker, Marty King, Strasso Jovanovski, Steve Benigno, Ben Saracco, Mike Devlin; Judy Boldurian

Pennsylvania: Bob Melikian, Larry Davis, Dan McArdle, Tyronne Wesley (ph.), Dan Norfleet, Matt Zapson

Emeritus Member(s) Tom Jordan

Potential Member(s):

DRPA/PATCO: John Hanson, Steve Holden, John Rink, Liz Klawunn, Ed Montgomery, Barbara Wagner

Public Member(s): Catherine Dunn/Philadelphia Inquirer, Stephen Danley/Rutgers

Call to Order

A motion was made to approve the November 13, 2019 Minutes. The Minutes were approved.

A motion was made to approve the Calendar of CAC Meetings in 2020. The 2020 Calendar was approved.

2016 DRPA land sale to Liberty Property Trust:

The Committee requested information related to the December 22, 2019 Philadelphia Inquirer article concerning the 2016 DRPA land sale to Liberty Property Trust. Steve Holden, Counsel for the DRPA who handled this complex real estate transaction and CEO John Hanson, provided insight and documentation to the Committee as to the restrictions, limited interest to 2026, redevelopment concerns, environmental concerns, market value/appraisals related to land and air rights and the negotiations/eventual sale of land and air rights at the appraised value with the approval of the DRPA Board of Commissioners.

PATCO:

Free Fare on New Year's Eve: On December 31, 2019, PATCO offered free fare to riders which was sponsored by the Authority.

PATCO Franklin Square Station Re-Opening: On Monday, January 13, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. there will be a Community Planning Meeting at the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, 190 N. Independence Mall West, 8th Floor.

PATCO's 50th Anniversary: PATCO has finished up its 50th Anniversary Celebration at all stations. 50th Anniversary PATCO train stress relievers will be handed out at all Stations in the coming weeks. PATCO's 2019 ridership was over 11.1 million, highest since 1984. Service continues to grow on Weekdays, Weekends and Week Nights.

2019 Management Observation Site Visit Locations Summary: John Rink handed out a Pie Chart outlining the site visits in 2019 at all 13 stations. Managers and Foreman rode the train to see what passengers see during their travel. 406 total observations completed in 2019.

Charging Station at Woodcrest: The Charging Station at Woodcrest had cables for charging cell phones that were either broken or stolen. New charging stations have been installed as our 2nd Pilot. Customers have to bring their own cords to charge their phones.

On Time Performance: Since 2016, our on-time performance has increased. For 2019 our on-time performance was 98.96 percent. Trains arriving within 5 minutes of the scheduled time are considered on time.

Real Time Signs: Our SCADA and signal system will be used to provide real time train arrival information to Riders. The Vendor's Proposal will be presented to the Board in the upcoming months.

Cell Service in Tunnel: Verizon currently has service at 12/13th & Locust and City Hall Stations. Antennas are installed to push the signal into the tunnel and towards 9/10th and 15/16th & Locust. Verizon has service in SEPTA's 8th & Market Station which filters over to our Station at 8th & Market. PATCO is waiting for Verizon to expand/enhance their system. Boingo is finishing the installation of a tunnel wide system that will allow other cell carriers to use their systems. Boingo has been talking with T-Mobile, Sprint and AT&T. Contracts have not yet been signed.

GTFS Data: No update.

Old Business:

Elevator Refurbishment Update: On December 19, 2019, PATCO celebrated the grand opening of the elevator at the Haddonfield Station. The Stations at Collingswood and Ashland have been completed. Work at the Westmont Station is currently in progress – the elevator shafts are in place. The next phase will be at 12th/13th & Locust and City Hall.

Solar Project Update: The Board of Public Utilities has approved the installation of the Solar Panels at One Port Center and several of the PATCO Stations. Sun Power will fund the cost of the installation. The DRPA will consume 100% of the solar energy. Soil borings have begun at some of the locations.

New Business:

Straso Jovanovski's Membership to the Citizens Advisory Committee has been approved by the Board under DRPA-19-140.

The CAC requested advanced notice of all Public Events pertaining to the DRPA and PATCO.

The CAC requested an every other year report on all DRPA Real Property.

The CAC continues to look for candidates to become members of the Citizen Advisory Committee.

Larry Davis asked about the Route 76 On-Ramp for the Casino. The DRPA has not been formally approached by the Casino for the ramp coming from the Casino going West on Route 76. The DRPA is not interested in the project as it is not a part of DRPA's core mission.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next CAC Meeting: Will be held at OPC on February 12, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.

Next DRPA Board Meeting: Held at OPC on February 19, 2020 @ 9:00 a.m.