

Delaware River Port Authority

Citizens Advisory Committee Minutes

February 2020

Location: OPC Board Room, Camden, NJ

Attendance:

New Jersey: Reggie Haynes, Alan Becker, Martin King, Pam Mack-Brooks, Steve Benigno, Judy Boldurian; Mike Devlin; Strasso Jovanovski, Ben Saracco

Pennsylvania: Tom Jordan, Bob Melikian, Tyrone Wesley, Larry Davis,

Emeritus Member(s) John Boyle

Other: Natalie Wesley, spouse of Tyrone Wesley

DRPA/PATCO: John Hanson, John Rink, Elizabeth Klawunn, Ed Montgomery, Dawn Whiton

Public Member:

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Call to Order

Adoption of Minutes from January Meeting

Minutes of the January 8th meeting were approved with changes/corrections approved.

CEO

CEO commented on the following:

- Email forwarded to all CAC members with the link to all attachments on the Liberty Trust/Lot 9 including DPRA's response statement
- Bond Upgrade from A1 to A2 and the press release and attributed this to the great job of DRPA's Management Staff along with the help from CAC
- Capital Budget and Pay as you go Capital Plan
- Does DRPA contribute to Camden Special Services District? We are immune to the Ordinance as it would have to fall under federal, state of both states, PA and NJ.
- EZ Pass upgrading the toll collection system design work. We are moving towards RFP and we are not planning to go all electronic, just mixed mode for all lanes and we will continue to use toll collectors. Is there a chance WWB can go to Express Lane, Chief Engineer responded not at this time there is no safe way or room for a safe way.
- Casino Ramp are we doing this? CEO responded no DRPA is not doing this ramp. We have no object to someone else building one, we have not interest in policing/or maintaining it.

ENGINEERING

Chief Engineer, Mike Venuto, gave an update on the following:

- Commended Alan Becker for attending the Franklin Square Public Meetings and continued support at the O&M Committee
- Attributed the Bike Coalition for the Pedestrian Walkway Mobility Improvements on the Pennsylvania side off of the north walkway.
- BFB Suspension Span we will be making improvements to the north walkway particularly on the Camden side to remove the cattle chute
- Five projects are combined into the BFB Suspension Span Project
 1. Cable Dehumidification
 2. Suspension Span Structure Rehab
 2. Painting
 3. Walkway Preservation
 4. Decorative Lighting

Is DRPA part of the rain collection program that CCMUA is doing? CEO Hanson responded this is a CCMUA project on BFB Property and they are responsible for this project.

PATCO

General Manager, John Rink spoke about:

- Article on Septa Key System and morphed into a really good PATCO article.
- Chip readers modification, Windows will not be supported, taking all systems to the cloud, Cubic will take us into the Cloud, the downtime will not go away, but it's not on our side we didn't want to go through the headaches that Miami Dade went thru
- On time performance was 97.66% ridership is over 4% more than January of last year.
- As part of our 50th Anniversary PATCO handed out stress toys in the shape of trains
- Status of Platform Monitors for real time next train planning to present at April Board Meeting
- Contest on Social Media to win Route maps and more seats
- Westmont Elevator Refurbishment
- Solar Project Update
- Notice of Public Events – (1) Franklin Square on 2/21 local communities to show footprints and (2) PATCO Station Enhancements
- Elevator Project is the recipient of an award next Friday from NJ Alliance for Action
- Ashland Station Ramp is nearing completion.

PATCO WATCHERS

In response to I thought we were told it could not be done? To close the south walkway, at that time, the timing was not right, and too expensive because of the extensive repairs and now, in combining with another project, it's feasible.

Parking fees and parameters were discussed

Eastbound train losing power due to power spike and then system reboots. Happens when uneven power comes into the train. We are looking into this issue further.

Committees

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

New Business: Real Estate Spreadsheet will be provided at the next meeting. Deputy CEO has been out of the office and will provide same when she returns. Jim White has been asked to attend an upcoming meeting to go over the balance sheet regarding fixed # of real estate and historical cost data. We can also arrange to have a GIS presentation.

OPEN Forum:

Next CAC Meeting: Will be held at One Port Center on March 11, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.

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