

Delaware River Port Authority

Citizens Advisory Committee Minutes

May 14, 2014

Attendance:

NJ – John Boyle, Judy Boldurian, John Sandone, Kathy Venuti, Helen McKenna-Uff,
Anthony DeSantis

PA Michael Rochester, Robert Melikian, Tom Jordan, Tyrone Wesley, Darren Johnson

DRPA Staff: Dan Cosgrove, Dawn Whiton

Announcement:

We welcome DRPA Staff Member, Dawn Whiton.

Adoption of Minutes from April 9, 2014 meeting

Minutes of the April Meeting were approved.

Subcommittee Reports

Communications – Nothing to Report

Recruitment: Robert Melikian stated that there are no new applicants and he would like for DRPA to put out another press release soliciting new members.

Personnel – Michael Rochester reported that he spoke with John Rink about a month ago, not doing anything with PATCO until little more experience with the work schedule for the Track Rehab. In the near future the personnel committee will speak to PATCO and union leadership from PATCO

Transit: -

BFB Track Rehab Project: John Boyle stated that there will be a 60 day closing sometime after Memorial Day. The walkway will also be closed which is something the committee was not aware. Michael Rochester and Judy Boldurian noted that there has been a significant increase in communication with PATCO. Judy mentioned the Collingswood Town Meeting was informative.

Presentation by DRPA Engineer, Dan Cosgrove on Bike Ramp

Dan Cosgrove, DRPA Engineer gave a brief presentation on the Bike Ramp Rendering that has been suggested by the Consultants and agreed upon by the DRPA staff, and Operations and Maintenance Committee as Concept Alternative To Option 3. Handouts were given for the committee to review this selection. This selection was the most aesthetically pleasing in complimenting the original architecture of the bridge. The project cost is 2.9 Million Dollars and will be begin construction in early 2015. This project will be going on at the tail end of the BRB Rehab Project and should not affect further traffic/delays. This project is projected to last about 9 months. This will impact traffic on Pearl Street and the south walkway will be out of service. The committee asked about the slope of the ramp and also if there would be bumpers installed against the rails. Dan Cosgrove responded that the slope was 5% which is the maximum allowed and that he is not aware of any bumpers installed.

Gateway Park Land

John Boyle reported that the county advised that the land has been turned over to CCMUA. They are waiting for the parking lot to open for car to park there.

PATCO Car Rehab Project

The committee mentioned that the new cars will not be installed until after the tract rehab project is complete. Judy Boldurian commented on the fact that she has just saw Mr. Hanson at the station handing out schedules for the BFB Track Project.

Finance Committee: Nothing to report

Questions for the Board

The committee expressed concerns about DRPA property logging system and if the GIS was underway. Dan Cosgrove reported that it was in fact well underway. Questions were asked as to how and who will access value to each property. Kathleen Venuti made mention that when Mike Howard was before their board, he did say that there was an RFP approved last summer for Pennoni to maintain the GIS. There was no plan to link the property values. In light of the park being turned over to the CCMUA do we know how much the land was worth? How much did it cost the DRPA to give away the park property. Another question was asked about the status of the potential grocery store property. An information request needs to be sent

Old Business:

John Boyle that the old vendor for the Ferry is coming back and business is due to start back up again in the near future.

New Business

Robert Melikian stated that he had read an article on Campbell's Soup building a new corporate park and that they are asking for a PATCO station in front of the park.

Helen Uff questioned the status of the Camden Gloucester County Line Extension. Anthony DeSantis stated that next month the draft EIS Study will be complete.

Election of Officers:

John Boyle was unanimously elected Chair and Michael Rochester was unanimously elected as Vice Chair. John Boyle would like to have the meetings every other month. Questions arose as to a by-law change. As an alternative, Vice Chair stated that he would Chair the meetings that Mr. Boyle could not make instead of changing the schedule of the meetings.

Robert Melikian advised that the original CAC Members 3yr terms were up and asked if those present would renew their 3 year term. Those present agreed they would.

Adjourn.