

Delaware River Port Authority

Citizens Advisory Committee Minutes

March 16, 2016

Attendance:

- NJ** - Anthony DeSantis, Jeff Kessler, Judy Boldurian, Steve Benigno, John Sandone, Martin Otremsky, Kathy Venuti
- PA** - Mike Rochester, Tyrone Wesley, Larry Davis, Tom Jenkins
- Other** - Mike Devlin, Charles Krueger
- DRPA** - Dan Cosgrove, John Rink, Bob Traver, Mike Williams, Dawn Whiton

Call to Order

Adoption of Minutes from February 10, 2016 Meeting

Minutes of the February 10, 2016 meeting were approved.

Report of the PATCO General Manager, John Rink

Ben Franklin Bridge Construction is officially completed. PATCO will be releasing new Saturday outages. Plans are beginning for the Westmont Viaduct Construction Project. Weekday schedules will stay the same with adjustments at night to support the project. This will be a 2 yr. project. Saturday service will be going to 20 minutes into summer.

With regard to the Car Rehab Project there are 30 of the 120 cars have been replaced. Staff is undergoing training with Alstom Reps on the new cars for maintaining. The issue with the inductor noise has been fixed. PATCO is still maintain that they will not accept a car unless it's perfect. There was a certain delay in 2 married cars which sets the line back. We should have 4 cars starting mid-April and Alstom is maintaining that everything is still on-time.

Question was asked as to whether Alstom has submitted a formal recovery statement.

Robert Traver gave a detailed explanation of training with Alstom cars. Mr. Traver stated that the trainers were top notch. Next friction break training starts in April and in addition 30 days we now have 1st pilot car have completed 15k miles inspection. All training is given for every employee.

Question was asked about scheduled departures on Boards. John Rink responded that he and Mike Williams are working on obtaining a user app and will look into it further.

Next is the replacing of the PA systems in the back end. Whole new system in center tower.

Mr. Davis stated that there were complaints made that mid-day cars are only two cars. John Rink stated that was what we used to run prior to construction every 12 minutes 2 cars. For the flower show we ran 4 cars.

Mr. Kessler mentioned GTFS file (google). NJ Transit sends an email every time a new schedule is posted. Why doesn't PATCO do that? Mr. Williams stated that plans are in the process to enable notifications of GTFS updates.

Mr. Rink mentioned SEPTA Key Systems, and that the Director of Fare Collection is working on their progress. Our Freedom Card with SEPTA we will be reviewing with Cubic's proposal. Pushing out new freedom cards and there will be no \$5.00 fee for the cards to be replaced.

A question was asked about our drpa.org website not being up. Mike Williams assured that it would be up ASAP. A question regarding NJ Transit going on strike would affect PATCO. Mr. Rink responded that we would cross honor if they shut down the Atlantic City Line.

Total expenses for the Pope visit were reviewed.

Report on the Bike Ramp, Dan Cosgrove

Mr. Cosgrove stated that the design is finished and anticipate on a bidder at the end of 2015 due to the complexity and federal funds involved. We are not authorized to advertise until final NJDOT approvals are made. We are about 90% complete and approved. We still have some issues with utility relocation and existing fiber optic/level 4 communication line. 3 months will be advertised for construction and then 12-15 months for the construction. Approximate state would be 6 months.

Subcommittee Reports

A. Recruitment - The Committee welcomed potential new member, Marcus Stenson of New Jersey for attending his 2nd meeting. Mike Devlin is had his interview with the Audit Committee on March 15th. He was approved as a committee member and is awaiting the next Audit Committee meeting. This is Charles Krueger's first meeting.

B. Communications - Nothing to report.

C. Personnel – Nothing to report.

D. Finance - Kathy Venuti stated that the Inspector General is invited to attend the April Meeting. Also requested that CAC piggyback off of the location of the May DRPA Meeting at the African American Museum, 701 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA

E. Old Business/New Business -

- Annual Report needs to be worked on.
- Subcommittee for the annual report is to meet at 5:30 at the next meeting.

OPEN Forum:

John Rink stated that there are new signs in the stations later they will change LCD panel and eventually there will be a Kiosk with a schedule posted.

A question was asked as to whether Franklin Square was a dead issue and the response given was No. Paperwork has been submitted for the next round of Tiger Grants. Still in the process of finalizing the evaluation.

A question was asked whether or not Ben Cornelius' position been filled. John Rink replied that it has been posted and did not know the current status.

Next CAC Meeting April 13, 2016 at 6 p.m.

Next DRPA Meeting April 20, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned.