

**Delaware River Port Authority**

**Citizens Advisory Committee Minutes**

**April 13, 2016**

**Attendance:**

**NJ** - John Boyle, Anthony DeSantis, Judy Boldurian, Steve Benigno, Kathy Venuti

**PA** - Mike Rochester, Larry Davis,

**Other** - Mike Devlin, Charles Krueger, Daniel McArdle

**DRPA** - John Hanson, John Rink, Mike Williams, Dawn Whiton

**Call to Order**

**Adoption of Minutes from March 16, 2016 Meeting**

Minutes of the March 16, 2016 meeting were approved.

**Report of the CEO, John Hanson**

Executive Session.

Mr. Benigno asked about PATCO recovery schedule for the new cars. John Hanson advised that he would check the status and get back to the Committee.

Committee asked that Mr. Gentile come back in June to do an exit conference call.

**Report on the General Manager, PATCO John Rink**

Mr. Rink stated that our new schedule is in effect from 25 minutes to 20 minutes on Saturdays. As of April 8<sup>th</sup> we have 205k over ridership compared to 2015 and we had 34k riders for the flower show.

Next delivery of new cars is early May. Mr. DeSantis commented on how loud it is when the new cars come to full stop when braking. Mr. Rink stated that he had not heard that noise and asked for Mr. DeSantis to see if he could get the car number if he hears it again. The inductor noise is being addressed. The only complaints we have been receiving are the number of announcements and the too loud announcement. We are in the process of cutting down and the amount of time played and it has been shortened.

Mr. Benigno asked what the payment schedules are that have been paid to Alstom. John Rink stated that there were milestone payments made and a payment on acceptance of pilot cars. There are payments

after each married car is received and accepted. John Hanson stated we can get him the breakdown. Mr. Benigno asked if there were monthly reports given by LTK and John Rink confirmed that they were.

John Boyle asked about the Camden baseball stadium status. John Hanson gave a brief overview of the stadium status which is in foreclosure and so as not to be taken out of foreclosure and delay the sale, DRPA will receive 30 cents on every ticket sold. The new owners are CCIA and are looking for a new team or other options.

John Rink made mention of the 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> Street new clocks on the platforms which post “Official PATCO Time” and that next to be installed is Woodcrest and Lindenwold.

Mike Devlin questioned the metrics on the Freedom Cards and asked if they tracked metrics on card interaction. John Rink responded that no because of the different agencies are on different systems. John Rink also mentioned that the original cards are due to be replaced and he would like people to come in early instead of all at once. There will be other stations equipped to do the switch out too. Once they are ready, a press release will go out.

Mr. Rink also stated that at the last O&M Meeting, Cubic will be set to work with SEPTA on the Freedom Card and key Card compatibility and Credit card chip. John Boyle asked if they could also work with Indigo Bike Share and John Rink stated he would look into it.

Larry Davis mentioned that he had read an article on PA, NY and NJ uncollected tolls and that they have combined about 700K in fines and they are not going after the offenders. Do we do something similar with DRPA? John Hanson replied that we similar policies in place. We do not have the capability of going after the offender to suspend their driver’s license or registration. We do send out the police out for the higher level offender and we do track violators. It’s not an easy process, but we are doing it. John Hanson stated that he would speak with Jim White about getting the spreadsheet on toll offenses.

Mike Develin commended DRPA on the handling of the candy boosters and our social media.

Larry Davis asked about the status on the Broad Street Line. John Rink replied that the work is still be performed. There is actual talk about other carriers tagging along.

Mike Devlin mentioned an incident over the BFB over the weekend where there were a group of motorized bicyclist on the walkway.

John Boyle mentioned that the racks of bikes at 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> are double stacked. John Rink advised to keep him abreast to see if they need an additional rack.

### **Subcommittee Reports**

**A. Recruitment** – Daniel McArdle introduced himself as a potential new member. \_\_\_\_\_ (Marcus Stenson/Charles Krueger) for attending his 3/2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Mike Devlin is still waiting for the Audit Committee to convene.

**B. Communications** - Nothing to report. Mike Rochester will speak to John Rink about setting up a meeting for when they can meeting with the union manager @ PATCO.

**C. Personnel** – Nothing to report.

**D. Finance** - Kathy Venuti stated that the Inspector General is invited to attend the July Meeting for an exist conference. Also have David Aubrey to come speak about the status of the Audits performed.

**E. Old Business/New Business** -

- Annual Report needs to be worked on.
- June there will be a presentation by DVRPC
- Issue conference call numbers for CAC and their members
- Redo committees as there are new members

**OPEN Forum:**

**Next CAC Meeting originally scheduled for 11<sup>th</sup> will now be May 18<sup>th</sup> (CAC will tag along at the next DRPA Meeting which is an evening meeting at the African American Museum, 701 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA at 6 p.m.**

Meeting adjourned.