

**Delaware River Port Authority**

**Citizens Advisory Committee Minutes**

**September 13, 2017**

**Attendance:**

**NJ** - Mike Devlin, Judy Boldurian, Bruce Schwartz, Daniel McArdle (via phone)

**PA** - Larry Davis, Tom Jordan, Daniel Northfleet; Mike Rochester, Bob Melikian;

**Merit Member:** John Boyle, Jeff Kessler (via phone) Anthony DeSantis

**Potential Members:** Matt Zapson, Ben Saracco

**DRPA -** John Rink, Nicole Campion, Dawn Whiton

**Call to Order**

**Adoption of Minutes from June Meeting**

Minutes of the July 12, 2017 meeting were approved.

**Agenda Item Questions:**

- Questions were asked about PA Senate Bill sb170. It was recommended to have a representative of Government Relations at next meeting.
- Questions were asked about the list of toll violators. It was recommended to have Chief Stief possibly attend the next meeting to give an update.
- DRPA/PATCO News Articles – it was requested that the CAC Members be included in this email. Message will be passed on to Kyle Anderson.

**PATCO**

- Update on Cars was given. Currently 26 pairs and next delivery is on the 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Brief explanation of paper ticket expiration was given
- New purchase of power stations is in the works for Woodcrest Station as a pilot and then other stations will follow. Biggest concern is the no responsibility of people leaving their phone unattended and then they get stolen. There will be plenty of warning signs posted.
- Haddonfield Parking Lot discussion – currently there is no agreement for parking after hours.

**Engineering**

- BFB South Side Ramp - Notice to Proceed is expected by the end of this year.
- Philadelphia Mural Arts has been selected to do two murals in order to deter vandalism. We have put the Request for Qualifications out and are due 9/5. There will be four vehicular and 2 pedestrian artists selected. A panel has been selected consisting of Philadelphia Mural Arts and

DRPA employees. October 6<sup>th</sup> they will have narrowed down the artists. Will come back to the CAC with final artists and final designs.

Question arose about if you signed up for the “alerts” why are they not coming any longer? Someone will check with Mike Williams and look into this and get back to the group for the next meeting.

Question was asked to extend the walkway hours. Jack Stief would have to address this and get back to the group.

Discussions were made on maximum ride charged if someone is missing ticket.

Request was made to have more signage on stairs that remind customers that they are 2-way. Share the stairs or actually painting a line down the middle.

John Rink mentioned that the quiet cars now have more signage. A request was made to have a 24 hour quiet car. John Rink replied that it was determined that it would not be beneficial to run 24 hour dedicated quiet car.

Haddonfield Parking Lot – Police will go out and enforce if they are not riding PATCO and will be ticketed. We is currently no agreement to allow people to park in our lot.

Question on the last two derailments due to a piece of equipment on the platform and the second was a crane falling onto the rail. Fine will be recouped from the contractors.

Status of IG Position: Was posted and has been closed out. Interviews will be taking place.

Saturday a train went down. There was only one train. There was no notice that went out. There is no one person on social media on the weekend. Someone is contacted if there is more than a 20 minute delay. Decisions were made that there is not enough travelers to warrant having them come in on the weekends. If there is an event happening or concert then they are brought in.

Ashland Parking Lot issues were discussed. “X” in the front will there be handicapped parking on that side? Currently there are no plans to install handicapped curbs on that side of the station. There is on the other side.

Question arose about improving the North walkway. Currently it is like a cattle shoot and since the South side will be closed due to construction. Can’t we widen that side? Post better signage?

Currently there are security measures in place and there will be no improvements made on the North walkway. There is no money in the budget. Mr. Boyle stated that discussions with Cooper’s Ferry were made about under Bridge connection. Nicole Campion replied that there is a slim chance that we would open up that side of the bridge to continue that patch of roadway. We need that area for storage, it’s also a safety aspect.

### **Subcommittee Reports**

- A. Finance.** Nothing to report.
- B. Communications -** Nothing to report.
- C. Persons with Disabilities.** Nothing to report.
- D. Recruitment** – Introductions were made for new potential members, Matt Zapson and Benjamin Seroko. Nothing to report
- E. Personnel.** Judy Boldurian was appointed new Secretary.
- F. Operations/Engineering.** Nothing new to report.
- G. Old Business/New Business** - Daniel Northfleet will attend most DRPA Board Meetings.

### **OPEN Forum:**

**Next CAC Meeting:** October 11, 2017 @ OPC @ Lindenwold, NJ

**Next DRPA Meeting:** October 18, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m. at Battleship NJ

Meeting adjourned.