

Delaware River Port Authority

Citizens Advisory Committee Minutes

January 10, 2018

Location: OPC Board Room, Camden, NJ

Attendance:

New Jersey: Mike Devlin, Judy Boldurian, Steve Benigno, Kathy Venuti

Pennsylvania: Tom Jordan, Daniel Northfleet, Larry Davis, Bob Melikian,

Emeritus Member(s): Jonathan Latko, Mike Rochester

DRPA: John Hanson, John Rink, James White, Kyle Anderson, Elisabeth Klawunn and Dawn Whiton

Potential Member(s): Matt Zapsen, Ben Saracco

Call to Order

Adoption of Minutes from November Meeting

Minutes of the November 10, 2017 meeting were approved.

CEO Report

Budgets have been approved. John Hanson spoke about the budget and advised that the bond rating agency has upgraded DRPA to Bond Rating A2

During our snow and ice storms, our bridges were better than any other roadway.

History of the SWAP was given.

PATCO WATCHERS

Charles Cunningham quote at a Trenton Hearing “interstate needs to be integrated digitally - who can monitor that many intergrade and share electronically data with other agencies” John Hanson clarified that he was referring to sharing data among other agencies as systems are incompatible.

Are we going to do a new Camera Program? Mr. Hanson advised that we are not replacing at this time as it is not in the benefit of the riders. It’s part of the PARTSWG grant along with Amtrack and Septa. There are other agencies that do not have placed cameras such as NJ Transit.

Can we install recycling bins on the platform as they did for the Pope Visit? PATCO is not aware of any recycling bins placed on the platforms during the Pope Visit. A more elevated security was required and in charge at that time and no bins would have been permitted.

Are we looking to expand the current line? Currently working to reduce carbon footprint would be more sustainable and there is a task force working with strategic initiatives on this. West head house. We close during non-rush hours only open for the rush hours. Police are in charge. There is a significant problem with the homeless.

New Beta Plan? Any updates? Response was that it is anticipated to be by the end of 1st Quarter, SEPTA's pilot will be ready 1st quarter.

Are we planning on Building a station at Subaru? DRPA has no plans currently on this. The only talk on the expansion of the GCL Line. Perhaps once this gets closer, then discussions will be made. Is Alstom on time and on budget? History of Alstom was given. This matter is in litigation. Car coming in are better and better far greater than the first ½ of the fleet. All of the bugs have been worked out.

Question raised about status of employees obtaining their rides back. Mr. Hanson gave a quick history where it was prohibited by Gov. Christie. NJ Transit and Riverline quietly gave it back under change in command.

Mr. Latko attended a DVRPC event and they spoke about Question about redoing Walter Rand Transportation Center/Head House West side on Broadway. Mr. Hanson replied that unfortunately most of the people that attend those meetings are not ones that actually make the decisions. No one has approached DRPA as we do not own the center, NJ Transit does. Today Governor Murphy called for all the resignations of all top jobs at the NJ Transit. I can tell you that we are moving forward with NJ Transit with the GCL Line. It will extend out footprint and give Glassboro and Gloucester County new access. Our Board passed a Resolution for us to be Project Manager. A contract has been drawn up and sent up.

CFO

John Hanson introduced CFO, James White. Mr. White advised that Bridge Traffic is up 3%. Mr. Hanson stated that as of now we are still on point with our promise to not raise tolls until 2020. Today we spoke about perhaps getting beyond 2020.

PATCO

- Married Pair 37 are complete – and next week pair 38 will arrive.
- Most recent incident at PATCO was due to the severe cold weather – was a legacy car and they do not like the cold. The new cars have heated couplers.
- Ridership is at an all-time high on the weekends and 2017 numbers are the highest they have been in 17 years and this will push us over the 550M mark since inception.
- Question was asked about the floors, John Rink responded its calcium chloride and its leaving a residue that slippery when wet. And unfortunately the use of the rock salt breaks down the concrete.
- Question was asked as to whether we are going with positive train control. Response is that PATCO has always had it. That's the reason why PATCO cars have never crashed into each other.
- PATCO is currently working on a capacity analysis study to analyze the capacity to take on additional riders, on the trains and the stations and City Hall and Broadway with all the development going on in Camden.
- Franklin Square Station started the design phase.
- New Year's Eve free ride. Attendance was a little lower as the frigid temperature kept people at home. Why start the free ride at 8:00 p.m. Why not have it earlier?

- Question was asked about a reoccurring train overshooting at the station. Mr. Rink advised that he would look into the matter, but there have been no trends. It is probably the time when new train operators were being trained between October 6th and December 6th.
- Elevator construction has started in the Collingswood station and Haddonfield will be at the end of the month. Phase 2 is Westmont and Ashland and Phase 3 will be City Hall and 12/13th & Locust.

ENGINEERING

Question was asked about Rowan moving the methadone clinic will Walter Rand Transportation Center be remodeled. Currently there is no plans to make any changes to the Walter Rand Transportation Center.

Elisabeth Klawunn spoke about the Phase II Elevator Project.

Subcommittee Reports

A. Finance. Nothing to report.

B. Communications - Nothing to report.

C. Persons with Disabilities. Nothing to report.

D. Recruitment – Appointment Matt Zappson and Ben Saracco to go to next phase and be nominated to the Audit Committee.

E. Personnel. Nothing to Report

F. Operations/Engineering. Nothing new to report.

G. Old Business/New Business -

OPEN Forum:

Ms. Venuti asked about the IG search and the committee would like Mr. Aubrey to attend the March Meeting.

Extension of the walkway hours was discussed. Mr. Hanson informed the group as to why the walkway hours will not be extended and in fact, have considered closing it altogether. Question was asked about opening the towers to the public and Mr. Hanson advised that this will never happen. The committee may have a field trip, but there are strict security clearances that must be following.

Mr. Latko thanked DRPA for the removal of old fencing and replacement of new near the bike ramp.

Chairman Devlin advised that next month they will vote on the by-law changes. He will send out an email for a conference call the Wednesday before 2/7. Subcommittees will be after the meetings.

Next CAC Meeting: February 14th which will be **changed to** Tuesday, February 13th @ OPC

Next DRPA Meeting: January 17, 2018 @ 9:00 a.m. and February 21, 2018 @ 9:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned.