



Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2015

PRESENT: Rich Hoffman (RH), HR Benjamin Board President
Paul Luff (PL), Active Radiator Secy, Treasurer
Joseph Bennett (JB) PTR Baler Vice President
Jennifer Ramos (JR), Grip Flex Corp Vice President
Steve Jurash (SJ), MAP Vice President
Ed Foy (EF), Wickwire Vice President
Rolando Sanchez (RS), Impact
Michael Cooper (MC), Director, Office of Mfg and Ind., City of Philadelphia
Joseph Douglas (JD), Impact
Bow Lewis (BL), Pride District Manager
Matt Mullen (MM), Managing Director of Philadelphia Office
Patrick Laster (PLa), Allied Barton
Ashley Richards (AR), City of Philadelphia Planning Commission

RH called the general meeting to order, 10:04 am at Globe Dye Works. Introductions.

1. May Minutes submitted and distributed. R Hoffman motioned for approval, JR second, motion carried.
2. MM reported on graffiti and issues around cleaning the graffiti on the PRIDE signs. Has been done several times and the signs are getting old. May lose the signs but they will try. Discussion on replacing 8 signs @ \$5,400. Tabled. MM to try and clean them.
3. RS reported 12 incidents in May. 109 bags of trash collected and physically taken. 5 short dumps again in the month. Mattress bags donated by Penske and the mattresses were safely removed. PL asked to have incident reports sent to him monthly from RS. Meeting at PROPAK – Sean Ward RCO lawyer to look into appeal on the 3320 Collins zoning change. Discussion on what would be required from whom to get the City Commerce Grant money. BL to follow up on this item.
4. MC reviewed the zoning variance approval process and briefly discussed the RCO status for PRIDE (unofficially it has been approved). Spoke on the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) processes and trying to get changes made in the notification process. With RCO status, PRIDE will have a stronger voice in changes going forward. AR discussed the Planning Commission and the roles of the community voices in this overall process. PRIDE is considered in the River Ward and that is actively being remapped at this time. MC discussed the RCO training to be scheduled in the near future.
5. PL reviewed the financial status and that all bills were reconciled and paid, all accounts are still tracking the budget. Assessments from 2014 and 2015 are now showing in the income lines form the year, BL continuing the work to get past year amounts from delinquent accounts.
6. BL reported that 2015 as part of the new RCO status, PRIDE will need to get a plan together on the process and management of the organization that includes the neighborhood participation. New RCO review request coming for 3315 Tulip St. Discussion on informing the working community on

the RCO status and to get additional participation and interest. RH asked if we should send it out to all the community including the residents. JB to add the RCO information to the website. EF noted that we will have to reapply for RCO status and approval every two years. BL talked about donations to the schools in the fall. Discussion on checks, supplies; BL to generate a list of needs. Discussion on the way to publicize the participation of PRIDE in the community/schools. BL to coordinate with the local paper.

7. RH discussed BL role and how he has helped PRIDE over the last couple of years. RH motion: to change Bow Lewis title to Executive Director of PRIDE to recognize his excellent effort to PRIDE. PL second, Unanimous approval from the Board.

8. EF asked if anyone had done any work with ISS on storm water management, no one has as of yet. RH is investigating other companies that have done work with ISS.

9. PL asked for follow up with the Commerce Dept. on the use of SafeCam money for lighting for the camera locations. BL to follow up on this.

10. Next Meeting at the Port Authority, September 8 at 10 am.

11. Adjourn meeting at 11:47.