



Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2015

PRESENT:	Rich Hoffman (RH), HR Benjamin	Board President
	Paul Luff (PL), Active Radiator	Secy, Treasurer
	Joe Mellon (JM), Penske Truck Leasing	Vice President
	Joseph Bennett (JB) PTR Baler	Vice President
	Cara Rossi (CR), M&T Bank	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	
	Curtis Marsh (CM), Penske	
	Denis Murphy (DM), Commerce City of Philadelphia	
	Sam Thomas (ST), New Kensington Community Development Corp	
	Kevin Donnelly (KD), M&T Bank	
	Bow Lewis (BL), Pride District Manager	

RH called the general meeting to order, 10:02 am. Introductions.

1. April Minutes submitted and distributed. R Hoffman motioned for approval, CR second, motion carried.
2. RS reported 12 incidents in the overall security review. They did call 311 for 3 of them. 114 bags of trash collected and physically taken. 5 short dumps in the month. Graffiti – noted to the City for cleanup but some of the windows in the buildings that have been painted over and are covered by bars that cannot be treated. Bad areas include Memphis St and NE Hospital. PL asked to have copies of the incident reports and RS will send them. Noted was a fire a couple days ago at 3200 Kensington Ave (just outside PRIDE) and one person died. Introduction of Randy's replacement at IMPACT; a multi-year veteran of IMPACT Joseph Douglas. JD discussed his background.
3. PL reviewed the financial structure and that all bills were reconciled and paid, all accounts are tracking the budget. M&T bank account opened and as soon as the last checks clear from the Citizen Bank account that will be closed and moved to M&T. Some assessments from 2015 are starting to come in. Discussed meeting that BL, PL and SJ had with Councilman Squilla in April regarding additional funding options for PRIDE. Presented the option of getting a smaller CDC grant program for \$50,000 that would greatly help sustain PRIDE in the area and keep funding for projects as well as cleaning and safety. SJ noted he has talk to Sean (councilman Squilla aid) about the program to continue it to go to committee. Noted that it may be up to council review in August. We will need to testify. Need to have discussions at the Board regarding the items to be put in front of council. PL to email to the Board the presentation to Squilla.

4. BL reported that 2015 tax assessments at 13.4% went out and some are coming in already. Over \$20,000 has been collected from liens for past years, need to schedule with PL for listing of the next set of liens to be placed. Lee Herman has been working on Landlapper issue. Special contracts grant money to be put in to the checking account from Commerce. Graffiti on some of the signs on the overpasses and BL will be working with the City to try and clean them without having to replace them. 3320 Collins St. Variance - discussion among all attending.
5. MC introduced himself and spoke of the Zoning Hearing Board (ZBA) and the issues with industrial preservation. He spoke to Council as did PRIDE and MAP regarding the issues. Rezoning is a big issues and it is the issue that is coming at PRIDE in the next few years. Alan Greenberg, deputy city mayor is trying to get City definition to ZBA to be better toward industrial preservation in certain areas like PRIDE. Key for PRIDE is becoming an RCO in June. BL has application. DM is supporting our request from Commerce. DM and MC both suggested that with the RCO status for PRIDE, having opposition letters prepared would be important. Discussion on the number of employees of companies in PRIDE, BL to get that number. MC strongly urged PRIDE to attend planning commission meetings in the area, usually around 6 pm.
6. New Business – SJ discussed ISS Stormwater management projects and encouraged PRIDE to use them. RH wanted to have places they were completed on projects and SJ noted American Wire and Cardone. Discussion.
7. JB brought up the subject of the corner dog park to turn that into a community garden area. Discussion to explore the idea with some of the resident areas.
8. PL asked DM if additional lighting in the area of new camera installations could be put under the SafeCam funded programs. He would review and report back to us.
9. Kevin Donnelly was introduced by CR as the local business banker for M&T and is a sponsoring company for MAP.
10. Next meeting June 9 at Globe Dye Works, MAP, 10:00am.
11. Adjourn 11:19.