

DRWC
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
OCTOBER 5, 2015

A meeting of the DRWC Executive Committee was held on Thursday, October 5, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. at DRWC located at 121 North Columbus Boulevard pursuant to notice duly given under the by-laws of the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act.

Attending: Alan Hoffmann, Jay Goldstein, Marilyn Jordan Taylor, Anne Fadullon, Ellen Yin

Also attending: Joe Forkin, Lizzie Woods, Karen Thompson, Shelvia Williams, Rinku Modi, Lavelle Young, Jodie Milkman, Emma Fried-Cassorla, Gina DiBiase

The minutes of the September 7, 2017 Executive Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

Rinku Modi reported that the FY'17 audit was successfully completed and that it will be presented for approval at the annual meeting of the DRWC Board of Directors on October 27, 2017. Joe Forkin added that the budget committee will meet prior to this to review the draft audit.

Jodie Milkman reported that Spruce Street Harbor Park 2017 season ended successfully. She added that the Blue Cross RiverRink Summerfest had a successful season with an increase in attendance from 2016. Ms. Milkman stated that preparations are underway for the 2017/2018 season of Winterfest and she thanked the DRWC team for their hard work and for keeping the equipment up and running since the inception of the rink.

Lavelle Young reported that SSHP was being dismantled and that the DRWC maintenance team is working to prepare the site for the winter season. He said that in light of the tragedy in Las Vegas, he contacted the Department of Homeland Security to do an assessment of the DRWC-owned properties along the waterfront. He said that he is working with the Philadelphia Police Department to bring back a presence on the Penn's Landing site for added security. Mr. Young stated that they are also working on the problem of homelessness on the DRWC southern piers.

Karen Thompson reported that the northern trail is in the final stages of permitting and contract preparation and that Anderson Construction is eager for a start this fall/winter with a summer 2018 completion date.

Lizzie Woods reported that she is working on getting the Southern Trail out to bid by the end of 2017. Alan Hoffmann expressed his concern with safety on the trails with homelessness being an issue. Mr. Forkin responded that DRWC is working to responsibly handle this situation without just pushing them to another location.

Ms. Woods informed the committee that she is working on the construction documents for the On-Road Trail Segment and that there are plans for individual meetings with each property owner and then a public update.

Karen Thompson reported that the demolition of the scissor ramps is underway and on track for the debris to be cleared away prior to the rink opening on Black Friday. In response to a question from Ellen Yin, she stated that the area will be greened and simply landscaped.

Alan Hoffmann addressed the issue of the removal of the tram tower suggesting the DRWC look into what would be required to have this done.

Lizzie Woods updated the committee on the completion of the Race Street Pier Phase II saying that the planters are in place and that an Indigo Station was recently installed. In response to a question from Mr. Hoffmann she confirmed that the pedestrian crossing at the entrance to I-95 is operational and open for public use.

Ms. Woods stated that a Waterfront Arts meeting was scheduled for today and that a public meeting was to be held at the Independence Seaport Museum in the evening. She said that the draft report should be complete in January 2018. In response to a question from Jay Goldstein, Jodie Milkman stated that the stakeholders are very responsive to this project. Ms. Woods, responding to a question from Alan Hoffmann, said that the end product will be the installation of a piece of artwork and the hiring of an employee person to oversee the Arts Program.

Ms. Woods then reported that the first phase of the Cherry Street Pier project is being worked on by a design and construction team with Scungio Borst Associates, the selected contractor. She reported that most approvals have been received with the exception of final Art Commission approval and a building permit.

Ms. Woods informed the committee that DRWC interns worked on gathering data from over 500 visitors to SSHP, Summerfest and the Great Plaza. She said that these visitors represented 24 states and 11 countries and that Emma Fried-Cassorla is working on completing this data through the social media outlets. Alan Hoffmann suggested that DRWC display the direct economic impact this has on the City of Philadelphia. Mr. Goldstein also suggested that DRWC share this information with existing and potential sponsors.

Karen Thompson reported that additional meetings were planned with Councilman Squilla, CDAG, City Planning, and L&I to continue discussing changes to the Central Delaware Overlay.

The committee then went into executive session.

Upon resuming open session and there being no public comment and no further business, the meeting was adjourned.