
MINUTES OF THE DELAWARE RIVER WATERFRONT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING NOVEMBER 23, 2009

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Delaware River Waterfront Corporation was held on Monday, November 23, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. at the office of the DRWC pursuant to notice duly given under the Corporation's By-Laws and the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act.

Attending: Avi Eden, Terry Gillen, Jay Goldstein, Alan Greenberger, Bill Hankowsky, Michael Hauptman, Alan Hoffmann, Bill Miller, Donn Scott, Marilyn Jordan-Taylor, Bill Wilson, Ellen Yin, Mario Zacharjasz

Also Attending: Tom Corcoran, Joseph Forkin, Jodie Milkman, Gina DiBiase, Keeya Branson Davis, Henry Schwartz, Sarah Thorp

In the absence of Chair, Donn Scott; Vice Chair, Jay Goldstein chaired the meeting.

The minutes of the Special meeting of the Board of Directors of the DRWC on October 16, 2009 were presented . A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

Tom Corcoran informed the board that a meeting was held with Donn Scott and John Estey of the DRPA to discuss the \$1 M grant that was earmarked for Penn's Landing Corporation but never used. Mr. Corcoran stated that the grant will be transferred to DRWC with \$250,000 for general support of DRWC programming initiatives, including fireworks; \$500,000 for Great Plaza stage improvements and \$250,000 for repairs to the Penn's Landing marina.

Tom Corcoran presented the revised City Capital Budget Request. Joe Forkin explained the revisions that were submitted to the City Planning Commission. Alan Greenberger, Executive Director of the Planning Commission, stated that decisions will be made for requests in the first quarter of 2010. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

Tom Corcoran presented an amendment to the Operating Budget. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

Marilyn Jordan-Taylor presented the Planning Committee report. She stated that a short list of five possible development teams was created and of those five, the team of Alex Cooper of Cooper Robertson, Lucinda Sanders of Olin and James Timberlake of Kieran Timberlake were chosen for the Master Plan. Ms. Taylor made a motion to approve this team and give staff authority to negotiate a contract. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Ms. Taylor described the three schematics for the Pier 11 project; The Lawn, The Deck and The Slice. She stated that a combination of the three will likely be agreed upon. She then discussed the Race Street connector corridor to the waterfront stating that plans for a more attractive and dramatic entrance to the waterfront will be designed. Ms. Taylor discussed the plan for Pier 11 and said that construction should be about eighteen months. Ms. Taylor also thanked the Mayor for his participation and visibility during the public meetings.

In the absence of Program Committee Chair, Diane Dalto, Ellen Yin gave the committee report. Ms. Yin informed the board of the two fireworks shows planned for New Year's Eve, stating that Pyrotechnico was awarded the contract out of three firms which submitted proposals. A motion was made, seconded and approved to enter into an agreement with Pyrotechnico. Ms. Yin also said that Tom Corcoran and Diane Dalto met with the DRPA regarding funding for a new stage on the Great Plaza suitable for groups such as the Philadelphia Orchestra. Ms. Yin stated that the Blue Cross RiverRink will be in its' sixteenth year with a grand opening scheduled for Friday, November 27th.

William Miller reported on the progress of the Program/Public Relations Committee. Mr. Miller discussed the promotion and branding of the DRWC and the objectives of the committee.

Ellen Yin discussed the establishment of an Ethics Committee. Ms. Yin stated that she was asked to be the chair and work with the committee of Avi Eden, Terry Gillen and Donn Scott. The purpose of this committee will be to establish and uphold ethical standards of the DRWC employees and the board of directors.

Tom Corcoran reported on the progress of the Pier 53 temporary park. Mr. Corcoran stated that an RFP will be posted and that a grant of \$500,000 from the William Penn Foundation along with a 10% administrative fee for overhead will fund this project. Joseph Forkin stated that the RFP is scheduled to be posted and that a completion timeline of late spring/early summer 2010 is expected. Mr. Forkin also stated that public outreach is planned to inform the community of the park being temporary until future development opportunity arises.

Mr. Forkin stated that the gates for the Bike Trail have been installed and that portions of the trail will be closed from dusk until dawn for security purposes.

Mr. Forkin updated the board on work scheduled to be done at the Penn's Landing Marina, work being dredging, docking and sheet wall.

Avi Eden suggested that a clause should be inserted in all RFP's regarding the DRWC Ethics Policy.

Vice Chair Jay Goldstein then allowed time for public comment. Craig Schelter of Development Workshop commented that given that over 90% of the land to be studied was in private not public ownership and therefore the economic consultant (and cost consultants) should have at least as strong a role as the design consultants.

A motion was made, seconded and approved for adjournment. The board then went into executive session.
