

DRWC
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
AUGUST 15, 2019
MINUTES

A meeting of the DRWC Executive Committee was held on Thursday, August 15, 2019 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, Anne Fadullon, Ellen Yin, Marilyn Jordan Taylor (telephonically)

Also attending: Joe Forkin, Jodie Milkman, Emma Fried-Cassorla, Lizzie Woods, Karen Thompson, Chris Dougherty, Mike Barone, Dave Moore, Gina DiBiase

MINUTES

The minutes of the July 11, 2019 DRWC Executive Committee were approved as submitted.

REAL ESTATE

Karen Thompson updated the committee on the archaeological investigations being conducted on the Vine Street property. She stated that to date the investigations have not unearthed anything new or not previously known, and that the on-site public meetings were well attended. In response to a question from Alan Hoffmann regarding press interest, she said that the Philadelphia Business Journal and Hidden City were both present.

PLANNING & PROJECT REPORTS
DELAWARE RIVER TRAIL

Lizzie Woods informed the committee that DRWC had a positive meeting with the Streets Department about final permitting for the on-road trail and that the project will go out to bid in the next couple of weeks with an expected construction start in early 2020. In response to a question from Jay Goldstein regarding a public event for the trail, Ms. Woods said there is not a set date for the ribbon cutting and that the process for the public art selection has begun. Mr. Goldstein suggested holding a fundraiser to support the project.

SOUTH WETLANDS PARK

Lizzie Woods informed the committee that Olin was awarded the project for preliminary design and said that public outreach events are being planned for September and October.

GRAFFITI PIER PARK

Ms. Woods said that DRWC is coordinating with Conrail on the park acquisition and that a public event is planned for the fall to launch the project. Marilyn Jordan Taylor added that the Planning Committee did a great job in selecting the consultant teams for the Wetlands Park and Graffiti Pier.

PENN'S LANDING

Karen Thompson described the public engagement process that will start at the end of the August and run through September. She explained that there will be smaller focus group engagements to start that will help to plan for the larger public meeting scheduled for this fall. In response to a question from Alan

Hoffmann about PennDOT involvement in the public meetings, Ms. Thompson said that PennDOT will be involved in the process going forward.

COLUMBIA AVENUE CONNECTOR

Lizzie Woods showed photos of the art that was installed on the Columbia Avenue connector project; the turtles, the turkey and the wolf. Jay Goldstein suggested DRWC do something to promote this addition to the connector.

BLUE CROSS RIVER RINK SUMMERFEST

Dave Moore said that Summerfest hosted many visitors but did face some weather-related challenges. He said that Labor Day Weekend will host a concert and fireworks. In response to a question from Jay Goldstein about operating hours and duration, Mr. Moore said the park will close for the season after Labor Day since children return to school and attendance significantly decreases.

CHERRY STREET PIER

Dave Moore said that there was strong attendance at the pier with the farmers and flea markets combined. In response to a question from Alan Hoffmann about vendor participation, Ellen Yin said that many of the same vendors are also at the Headhouse markets. Mr. Moore added that the Cherry Street Pier market seems to be more of a destination market for visitors and not just local residents or those passing by. Jodie Milkman added that these markets are still a work in progress and Jay Goldstein asked if it would be worthwhile to consider a shuttle in the area to bring visitors to the pier.

Mr. Moore also informed the committee that events at the pier have not broken the sound ordinance since the sound study was conducted. In response to a question from Jay Goldstein, Jodie Milkman said that the neighbors were aware that the sound study was being conducted. Joe Forkin added that there was some confusion among the neighbors recently about the source of sound they hear occasionally, mistaking noise from Camden and other venues for Cherry Street Pier.

WATERFRONT ARTS

Emma Fried-Cassorla said that the Waterfront Arts program was officially launched in the press. She said that Ghost Ship, the pilot exhibition, will be installed and visible between Race Street Pier & Pier 12 and that it will appear in 2 to 3 hour intervals at night. In response to a question from Alan Hoffmann, she said that the installation will be tested a week prior to the opening.

RIVERLINK FERRY

Dave Moore said that full ferry service will continue daily through Labor Day, and limited service consisting of weekend and BB&T Center concerts would start after Labor Day and run through September.

MAINTENANCE & SECURITY

Mr. Forkin informed the committee that there was a power outage at Penn's Landing that effected several tenants and park operations from Sunday into Monday of the past week. Ellen Yin suggested checking with the DRWC insurance carrier to seek lost revenue from the outage.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The committee then went into executive session.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Upon resuming open session, the meeting was open to public comment. There being no public comment, the meeting was adjourned.