

DRWC
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
DECEMBER 1, 2022
MINUTES

A meeting of the DRWC Executive Committee was held both via Zoom and in-person at 121 North Columbus Boulevard, Philadelphia, PA pursuant to notice duly given under the By-Laws and the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act.

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

Also attending: Joe Forkin, Lizzie Woods, Karen Thompson, Larry Bell, Lavelle Young, Jackie Lai, Sarah Eberle, Jessica Cornish, Joe Augustus, Gina DiBiase

MINUTES

The minutes of the October 6, 2022 DRWC Executive Committee were approved as submitted.

FINANCIAL

Larry Bell reviewed the financial statements with the committee. In response to a question from Alan Hoffmann, Larry said that expenses are down and at the end of the fiscal year, the expense will be more in line with the budget.

In response to a question from Mr. Hoffmann, Larry said that the new employee benefits package will be in effect as of January 1, 2023 and that information will go out to employees within the month. In response to a question from Jay Goldstein, Larry said that information will be sent via email and then individual meetings will be set.

Larry Bell presented EOP reports and said that it was at 35% spending with MBEs and 87% with local businesses.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Lizzie Woods said that there is progress on the Festival Pier development site. She invited the committee to the groundbreaking scheduled for Wednesday, December 14th. Marilyn Jordan Taylor commended to the staff on a job well done. Ms. Woods said that the percent for art RFQ was issued and that the selection will be made the following spring with installation to be scheduled for the end of 2024. In response to a question from Alan Hoffmann, Ms. Woods said that that it would be a sculpture owned by the developer, not the public, and that this would be a permanent fixture. She said that there would be a community engagement is a requirement. Responding to a question from Jay Goldstein, she said that the location will be on a public open space that would remain a public open space.

Marilyn Jordan Taylor asked how the large dollar value was reached. Ms. Woods responded that it was a PHDC requirement and that DRWC will not be a voting member but will have a presence at the selection. Mr. Hoffmann added that it seems like a short time for the artists making submission to prepare and Ms. Woods said that the RFQ calls for the budget to be included in the submissions. Mr. Forkin said that they are working with an art consultant.

PENN'S LANDING CAP

Ms. Woods said that there were 35 downloads of the bid criteria for the cap. Alan requested a schedule and Ms. Woods said that she would arrange a meeting with him to review the planned schedule. Mr. Forkin added that the Irish and Scottish memorials would be discussed as well.

PARKS & ATTRACTIONS

Joe Forkin informed the committee that Jodie Milkman would be working remotely for a few months. Joe reported that Winterfest opening weekend was successful with a strong Friday and Saturday hosting 4,500 skaters but Sunday was a washout due to weather. He said presales were strong and that there were a lot of walk-ups. Jackie Lai said that presale was up from last year. Joe Forkin added that cabin rentals are up and that a new cabin that is the length of the rink that holds 45 people was added. Alan Hoffmann commended the team for a job well done.

Joe Forkin invited the committee to the Tree Lighting on Friday, December 2nd from 6:00 to 9:00. He said that New Year's Eve at Winterfest will host two fireworks shows, one at Midnight and one at 6:00 p.m. He said that DRWC will host VIP parties on the Chestnut Mall. He added that Cherry Street Pier will also host two ticketed parties that will be open to the public.

Ms. Eberle said that the Cherry Street Pier new cohort of artists have been selected and all but one has accepted. She said there is a wonderful line up of events and holiday markets listed on the website.

OPERATIONS

DREDGING

Lavelle Young informed the committee that dredging will be done in the Penn's Landing Marina this winter and that proposals are being reviewed. Joe Forkin added that DRWC is working with Weeks Marine who dredged the Schuylkill River. He said that the work is out for bid. Joe Forkin presented a resolution authorizing staff to negotiate a contract not to exceed \$2.75 million for dredging of the Penn's Landing basin. A motion was made, seconded and approved. In response to a question from Jay Goldstein, Joe said that it has been more than 5 years since the marina was dredged. Jay asked how we plan for future funding and from where will the funds will come? Mr. Forkin said that the money will come from reserves and in the future, maintenance dredging will be done every 3 years. Jay suggested that Larry Bell incorporate this into the budget. In response to a question from Alan Hoffmann, Joe said that DRWC applied for grants from the Army Corp of Engineers.

CONSTRUCTION AT 121 NORTH COLUMBUS BOULEVARD

Lavelle Young described the work being done in the lobby and conference room at the 121 corporate office. Mr. Forkin described the procedure of injecting foam into the concrete holes to prevent erosion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Committee then went into Executive session.

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