

**DRWC**  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 5, 2023**  
**MINUTES**

A meeting of the Delaware River Waterfront Corporation was held on Thursday, October 5, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. both in-person at 121 N. Columbus Boulevard and via Zoom pursuant to notice duly given under the By-Laws and the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act.

Attending: Alan Hoffmann, Anne Nadol, Ellen Yin

Also attending: Joe Forkin, Jodie Milkman, Lizzie Woods, Jessica Roberts, Chris Dougherty, Larry Bell, Sarah Eberle, Karen Thompson, Jackie Lai, Gina DiBiase

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the April 6, 2023 DRWC Executive Committee were approved as submitted.

**FINANCE & HUMAN RESOURCES**

Larry Bell reported on the interest earned from TD Bank. He said that DRWC was reaching out to Fulton Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, PNC Bank and said that we have no interest in Republic Bank.

**PERSONNEL**

Mr. Bell stated that there will be changes made to the current employee pension plan and that a meeting of the Personnel Committee will be held within the next two weeks. He added that employee assessments were completed and had to be reviewed by supervisors.

**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**

**DRWC LAND CONSERVANCY**

Joe Forkin informed Anne Nadol that as a new member of the DRWC Executive Committee, she will also be on the Board of the DRWC Land Conservancy. The minutes of the prior meeting of the DRWC Land Conservancy on April 6, 2023 were approved as submitted.

Lizzie Woods presented a resolution of the DRWC Land Conservancy stating the desire to undertake the Beach Street Expansion Parcel Acquisition. A motion was made, seconded and approved.

Ms. Woods then presented a resolution of the DRWC Land Conservancy stating their desire to undertake the Graffiti Pier Park Acquisition. A motion was made, seconded and approved.

**PENN'S LANDING CAP**

Ms. Woods reported that Penn DOT construction was underway and that the design DRWC portion will be completed later this year.

**INDEPENDENCE BLUE CROSS RIVERRINK RELOCATION**

Ms. Woods informed the committee that 2023 is the final year for the BCRR at its present location and will be moving to the northern end of the Market Street parking lot and the final year for the Great Plaza before demolition.

### **GRAFFITI PIER**

Lizzie Woods stated that the “Make Safe Plan” has been completed and with focus on ensuring the site’s safety for public access through repairs to the sub- and super-structures and installation of guard rails and fencing. She said that construction documentation will now begin.

### **WASHINGTON AVENUE CONNECTOR**

Ms. Woods said that DRWC is coordinating with the Streets Department for Phase One of the project and the ordinances so construction can begin in the Spring 2024.

### **DELAWARE RIVER TRAIL**

Ms. Woods said that the final public meeting for the extension of the Delaware River Trail (Columbia Avenue to Lehigh Avenue) will be held on October 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **OPERATIONS**

Lavelle Young informed the committee that Spruce Street Harbor Park and Summerfest have closed for the season in preparation for Winterfest. Joe Forkin added that the Operations Team does interventions with the homeless population and are working on Pier 40 with Eastern Landscape to clear the area. They are speaking to the homeless to advise them that the area will be cleared in a few days to give them time to relocate. Ms. Woods added that SSHP and Summerfest equipment will have to be relocated and can no longer be stored under the Great Plaza due to the demolition schedule. Mr. Young added that Navy Week begins October 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **PARKS AND ATTRACTIONS**

Jodie Milkman reported that the summer season ended and that Independence Blue Cross RiverRink Summerfest saw 35,000 roller skaters and that the food and beverage sales increased over last year. She reported that summer programming continued to grow on the Waterfront and then thanked Sarah Eberle and Kofi Smith for all of their hard work in making the season a success. She added that there was a Jazz Weekend on the Great Plaza which hadn’t happened since the pandemic and that Cherry Street Pier (CSP) was programmed every week. She said that Design Philadelphia just opened at CSP and that this year will be the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary for Cherry Street Pier.

### **PIXAR PUTT**

Ms. Milkman reported that Pixar Putt was open from July through September and welcomed over 25,000 mini golfers.

### **NEW YEAR’S EVE**

Jodie Milkman stated that DRWC will once again host two fireworks shows on New Year’s Eve. She then presented a resolution authorizing DRWC to contract with Pyrotechnico of New Castle, Pennsylvania to produce two fireworks shows on New Year’s Eve in the amount not to exceed \$92,500. A motion was made, seconded and approved.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The meeting then went into executive session.

### **OPEN SESSION**

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