

**DRWC**  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**JANUARY 4, 2024**

A meeting of the Delaware River Waterfront Corporation was held on Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. via Zoom pursuant to notice duly given under the By-Laws and the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act.

Attending: Jay Goldstein, Alan Hoffmann, Marilyn Jordan Taylor

Also attending: Joe Forkin, Lizzie Woods, Karen Thompson, Lavelle Young, Sarah Eberle, Jackie Lai, Jessica Roberts, Gina DiBiase

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the October 5, 2023 DRWC Executive Committee were approved as submitted.

**FINANCE**

Joe Forkin stated that the audit is nearly complete and that DRWC is on budget. He said that DRWC has funded the fireworks this year in the amount of \$120,000 since losing Rivers Casino as a sponsor.

**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**

***DRWC LAND CONSERVANCY***

*Lizzie Woods reported under separate minutes.*

**PENN'S LANDING CAP**

Lizzie Woods reported that two RFP's were issued; one for owners representative and one for tree procurement for over 400 trees.

**RINK RELOCATION**

Ms. Woods said that plans are underway and are being coordinated with the Cap construction schedule. In response to question from Mr. Hoffmann, Ms. Woods said that the rink will be moved just north of its current location. In response to a question from Mr. Hoffmann, Lizzie said that there will be smaller contracts for construction to be bid. Mr. Forkin added that a lot of the work will be done by

the DRWC in-house maintenance team. Responding to questions from Jay Goldstein, Lizzie said that the rink will be at the new location for approximately 5 years and will cost \$1.5 million. Mr. Forkin added that DRWC applied for funding and the operating budget has the rink relocation built in. Responding to a question from Mr. Hoffmann, Ms. Woods said that it's not possible for the rink to remain at its current location during Cap construction.

### **GRAFFITTI PIER**

Lizzie Woods presented a resolution requesting approval to apply for a grant to DCED LSA to support construction of Graffiti Pier Phase 1 in the amount of \$1 million. A motion was made, seconded and the resolution was approved.

### **WASHINGTON AVENUE CONNECTOR**

Ms. Woods said that DRWC is working with the City of Philadelphia to get the project out to bid.

### **DELAWARE RIVER TRAIL**

Ms. Woods stated that DRWC is working on a report for the Columbia Avenue to Lehigh Avenue extensions and neighborhood connections.

### **OPERATIONS**

#### **SITE RELOCATIONS PREPARATIONS**

Lavelle Young reported that a storage location was found at Front & Mifflin Streets. Originally it was thought there would be 20 containers but it was able to be pared down to 12. These containers will store parks equipment and materials saved from the demolition of the Great Plaza. The containers are expected to be moved in the next couple of weeks. Mr. Forkin added that they were looking for a low-cost location and that there were areas at Race Street that were approved by PennDot.

### **PARKS & ATTRACTIONS**

Jackie Lai reported that the number of skaters was up from last year by 6% and up for rentals. He said that the Good Skates program was scheduled to begin on January 9<sup>th</sup> and Jodie Milkman added that this possible because of the William R. Miller Fund.

## **CHERRY STREET PIER**

Jackie reported that 2023 had a strong turnout and had its one millionth visitor.

## **PROGRAMMING**

Sarah Eberle reported that the annual tree lighting ceremony was moved to the lodge because of the inclement weather conditions. She said that New Year's Eve on the waterfront will host 4 parties, two at the rink and two at Cherry Street Pier. She added that both Cherry Street Pier parties were sold out and that the tickets for the ice-skating parties were sold out as well. She said that the Cherry Street Pier had its first balloon drop and that it was a huge success.

Sarah said that February 14<sup>th</sup> the rink will host a Sweetheart Skate and that planning has begun for the 2024 season.

## **WATERFRONT ARTS**

Ms. Eberle said that the "Fortress" exhibit will open the following day and that the first ever staff exhibition will be held on the Pier. She invited the DRWC board to participate as well. Sarah said that on February 1<sup>st</sup>, a new cohort of artists will be moving into studios and that 5 new artists will reside in the pier for the year. She then thanked Avi Eden and Diane Dalto Woosnam for their dedication and participation in making the selections.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The committee then adjourned to executive session.

Upon resuming open session, there were no public comments and the meeting was adjourned.