

**MEETING MINUTES
OF THE DVRPC REGIONAL CITIZENS COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 16, 1997**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Lorraine Brill corrected a typographical error at the end of page 4 and suggested that the word “questioned” be inserted. The minutes of the November 12, 1997 RCC meeting were approved as corrected.

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

The RCC observed a moment of silence for F. Karl Schaufele, former RCC Chairman, who passed away on December 10, 1997.

NOMINATIONS FOR RCC CHAIR:

Cathy Zukoski, Chair of the RCC Nominating Committee, proposed the name of Dennis Winters for RCC Chair for calendar year 1998. This nomination was seconded by Ajay Creshkoff. There were no additional nominations.

ACTION TAKEN BY COMMITTEE:

Ballots were completed and counted, and Dennis Winters was unanimously elected as Chair for calendar year 1998.

Winters will announce nominations for the RCC Vice Chairs and the representative to the Regional Transportation Committee at the January meeting. (The RTC representative will also serve as chair of the RCC’s Transportation Subcommittee.)

ECONOMICALLY SUSTAINABLE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION:

In November, John Pawson had submitted a proposal on *Economically Sustainable Public Transportation* that had drawn a written response from Ajay Creshkoff. Following discussion, the RCC postponed action and asked the Transportation Subcommittee to take responsibility for developing an action plan to provide information about public transit and develop ideas for what transit should be. In addition, a second paper by John Pawson, entitled *Converting a Construction Project into a Transportation Project* will be considered by the subcommittee. Pat Horrocks questioned

whether the original SEPTA contract can be reviewed so that the subcommittee may better understand SEPTA's parameters.

GUIDELINES OF GOALS AND BENCHMARKS FOR YEAR 2020 PLAN:

Jane Glenn had issued a paper recommending that DVRPC and the RCC only take action on projects that are in accordance with the goals set in The Policy Agenda for the Year 2020 Plan. Discussion on this issue included a question about the Plan's effectiveness. Is the Plan being ignored by DVRPC? What actions and policies have been undertaken and at what level of success? The DVRPC Board should support the intent of the Plan through a resolution. The RCC discussed the need for tools to judge progress.

ACTION TAKEN BY COMMITTEE:

MOTION (by Lorraine Brill, seconded by Don Nigro) to adopt Jane Glenn's memo, as included in this meeting's mailing. (See attachment.)

AMENDMENT (by Ernest Cohen) to adopt the memo and then turn the issue over to the Year 2020 Task Force for follow-up.

MOTION, AS AMENDED, CARRIED. (See voting record.)

RECYCLING:

The RCC discussed the proposal by Alma Wynne and Jane Glenn regarding recycling that was mailed to all members in December, and is attached to these minutes. Claudia Crane will bring an analysis of energy use in the recycling process to the next meeting at which time discussion will continue on this issue. The committee questioned DVRPC's recycling policies, and asked for a presentation.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Patricia Horrocks reported that the Transportation Subcommittee was reviewing New Jersey corridors as part of the follow-up on the NJ CMS. Bill Rafsky submitted a written Housing report.

OLD BUSINESS:

John Pawson's resolution regarding Eastwick Station was tabled. This document has been sent to Denise Goren for a response. Illy Sobel raised the issue of non-polluting automobiles; he feels that the three major manufacturers are producing only gas guzzlers. Sobel will bring a resolution to the next RCC meeting on this issue.