

AGENDA

Advisory Ad-Hoc Committee to Reestablish Rail Service to West Chester (Rail Restoration Committee)

July 23, 2014

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks-Jordan Norley, Borough Council President
2. Introduce Committee and Assign Term of Office
 - a. Michael Stoll-December 31, 2015
 - b. John Young- December 31, 2015
 - c. Joe Lorini- December 31, 2016
 - d. Craig Blizzard- December 31, 2016
 - e. JoAnn Kelton- December 31, 2017
 - f. Tom Hickey- December 31, 2017
 - g. David Thurston- December 31, 2017
3. Review Enabling Ordinance
4. Charge to the Committee
5. Discuss and present individual skill sets of the members
 - a. Determine everyone's role and what they can add to the process
6. Elect Officers of the Committee
 - a. Chairman
 - b. Vice-Chairman
 - c. Secretary
 - d. Liaison to the Borough Council (could be dual role)
7. Set Meeting Schedule
8. Identify the Stakeholders Involved
9. Establish Goals and Benchmarks
10. Discuss the methodology for achieving goals
11. Identify the Pros and Cons of returning rail service to West Chester
 - a. What will be the major advantages for the stakeholders]
 - b. What detriments may become obstacles
12. Power Point Presentation by Tom Hickey regarding the history, challenges and opportunitites
13. Drop Box Link to Documents
 - a. <http://tinyurl.com/dropboxWC>
 - b. Click on folder for "Rail Service Restoration Project"
 - c. There should be 8 documents of interest to you.
14. Determine how the Borough Council and staff can be of assistance

ORDINANCE NO. 2 - 2014

BOROUGH OF WEST CHESTER

CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WEST CHESTER, CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WEST CHESTER, WHICH IS CODIFIED IN CHAPTER 3 OF THE BOROUGH CODE TO ESTABLISH THE ADVISORY AD-HOC COMMITTEE TO REESTABLISH RAIL SERVICE TO WEST CHESTER.

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED, and it is hereby enacted by authority of the Council of the Borough of West Chester, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Administrative Code of the Borough of West Chester, which is codified in Chapter 3 of the Code of the Borough of West Chester, is amended to add a new Section 3-38.Q which shall provide as follows:

“§ 3-38.Q. Committee to Reestablish Rail Service to West Chester. Pursuant to the authority in Section 3-38.A, there is hereby established for the Borough of West Chester an Ad-Hoc Committee known as the “Committee to Reestablish Rail Service to West Chester” which shall be organized for the purposes hereinafter set forth.

- (1) The term of this Committee shall commence on the effective date of this Ordinance and shall terminate on a date established by Resolution or motion of Council.
- (2) The Committee shall consist of 7 members appointed by a majority of the Borough Council. Initially two members will be appointed to a term to December 31, 2015, two members will be appointed to a term to December 31, 2016, three members will be appointed to a term to December 31, 2017 and thereafter all member will be appointed to a term of three years. A majority of Council may from time to time change the number of members on the Committee, but such change shall occur no more than once every calendar year. Not less than three members of the Committee shall be residents of the Borough of West Chester.
- (3) The purpose of the Committee is to cause, as soon as possible, the reestablishment of rail service to West Chester through the following activities:
 - (a) Compiling on a continuing basis as much information and data on the issues relating to the return of rail service as is necessary to obtain that goal.

- (b) Preparing a history of the rail line most recently designated the R3 from its beginning through its discontinuance in the 1980's and the efforts and circumstances since then concerning reestablishment of the service.
 - (c) Ascertaining and promptly advising Council of County, state, regional, national and private plans, actions, meetings, hearings, conferences and the like, as they develop, that have or may have a bearing on the return of rail service.
 - (d) Ascertaining what groups, organizations, individuals and the like, that are, or are likely to become, allied in securing reestablishment of rail service to West Chester and contacting and interacting with such individuals and entities at the direction of Council.
 - (e) Attending and/or participating in activities and gatherings, at the request of Council, in furtherance of reestablishing rail service.
 - (f) Serving as advocates for the return of rail service at events and forums at the direction of Council.
 - (g) Recommending to Council publicity and public outreach activities designed to increase widespread public support for the reestablishment of rail service and to engage in such activities at the direction of Council.
 - (h) Advising Council, on an on-going basis, of actions that Council might take to achieve to goal of reestablishing rail service.
 - (i) Other activities that Council may from time to time assign.
- (4) The Committee shall report to Borough Council annually, or at anytime as requested by Council, either by submission of a written report sent to Council members or by a Committee member or members presenting an oral report at a meeting of Council or a Council Committee."

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY. If any sentence, clause, section or part of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts hereof. It is hereby declared as the intent of Council of the Borough of West Chester that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid sentence, clause, section or part thereof not been included therein.

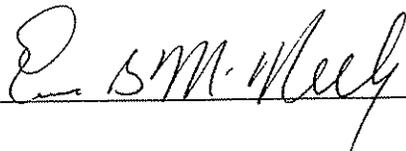
SECTION 3. REPEALER. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances conflicting with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this Ordinance.

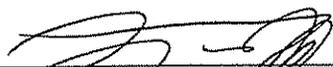
SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall become effective upon enactment as provided by law.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED THIS 19th DAY OF March, 2014.

ATTEST:

**COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH
OF WEST CHESTER**



By: 
_____ Jordan C. Norley, President

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2014.


_____ Carolyn Comitta, Mayor



July 18, 2014

West Chester Borough Council
Attn: Jordan Norley, Borough Council President
West Chester Borough Hall
401 East Gay Street
West Chester, PA 19380

Dear Council President Norley:

In advance the newly formed Restoration of Rail Service Committee's first meeting, the Transportation Management Association of Chester County (TMACC) would like to extend an offer to meet with the committee to review this project as well as related proposals.

For over 20 years, TMACC has served as the transportation experts in Chester County. We continue to champion smart development and advocate for increased mass-transit and multi-modal transportation. It is in this capacity that we would like to meet with the members of the committee to discuss the projects potential and industry best practices. Along with our experience and institutional knowledge, we would also bring several of our industry experts to provide their perspective and advice.

At your convenience, please contact my office to schedule a meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Timothy Phelps", is written over the typed name and title. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and "T".

P. Timothy Phelps
Executive Director

CC: Dan Olpere, Interim Borough Manager
Carolyn Comitta, Mayor
Ronald Bailey, Executive Director Chester County Planning Commission
Christopher Williams, TMACC Chair & McMahon Associates, Inc.



Chester County Association of Township Officials News Brief

SEPTA requests planning considerations by August 31, 2014.

Having completed its 72 page 2015 Annual Service Plan (See [Link](#)) they now seek your input for route changes and additions in 2016.

Any suggestions received after August 31st will be considered for 2017.

Suggestions may be formally submitted via E-Mail to serviceplanning@septa.org or to SEPTA - Service Planning Department, 1234 Market Street, 9th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19107

Supporting the Mission and Programs of CCATO as a Silver Affiliate



A News Brief from CCATO

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