PECO Upland Way Substation Community Partnership Understanding

SUMMARY

PECO Energy Company, the Wynnefield Residents Association (WRA), and the Overbrook Coalition (OC) have agreed to a Community Partnership Understanding. This agreement was the result of seven (7) face-to-face meetings between April 2018 and August 2019. “The Committee” participating in these meetings included:

- **WRA**: Crystal B. Morris (Michael Reid, former President, WRA), Robert James, Ebony Griffin
- **OC**: Greg Allen, Jabari Jones, Frances Minnis, Atiba Kwesi
- **PECO**: Joe Aguirre, Romona Riscoe Benson, Vernice Lewis

The Community Partnership Understanding includes the following fifteen (15) initiatives to benefit residents of the Wynnefield and Overbrook communities:

**Community Facilities and Operations:**
1. Two (2) payments of $15,000 each for **building renovations services**, to one (1) existing community facility in Wynnefield, and one (1) existing community facility in Overbrook.
2. Two (2) **grants for community-based organizations** (CBOs) of $12,000 each, one (1) to 1-2 CBOs working in Wynnefield, and one (1) to 1-2 CBOs working in Overbrook, to be awarded through PECO’s standard grant application process.
3. Two (2) full eight (8) hour days of **PECO volunteer labor**, at one (1) existing community facility in Wynnefield, and one (1) existing community facility in Overbrook.
4. Continued **general maintenance work** on the exterior of the Upland Way Substation, including landscaping and snow removal, to be awarded to a local, diverse company.
5. **Community meetings** for the Upland Way Substation, to be hosted with assistance from WRA/OC, that will provide Wynnefield and Overbrook residents the opportunity to comment on and shape plans for the new facility.

**Workforce and Business Development:**
1. Hosting of annual **Job Fair** in Wynnefield and Overbrook neighborhoods, upon annual request.
2. Information about **PECO workforce development programs** available to Wynnefield and Overbrook residents, upon WRA/OC request.
3. Reservation of six (6) qualifying student positions (three (3) for Wynnefield and three (3) for Overbrook) in the **Philadelphia Community College Gas Mechanics program**, and information about the program, upon WRA/OC request.
4. Eligibility information and enrollment data about **education and training programs** PECO supports in partnership with five (5) organizations serving people from Wynnefield and Overbrook, as part of effort to ensure that opportunities are made available for up to 75 Wynnefield and Overbrook residents annually for five (5) years beginning in 2019.
5. Funding for local membership business associations identified by WRA/OC to maintain and update a local **business directory** to be distributed annually by email for five years, beginning in 2019.
6. Hosting of annual **Supplier Development Workshop** for five (5) years beginning in 2020.
7. Email updates on **Exelon career opportunities** and application instructions, upon WRA/OC request.

**Education and Youth Activities:**
1. Two (2) donations of $1,000 each for local **youth sports league uniforms**, to one (1) non-profit in Wynnefield, and one (1) non-profit in Overbrook.
2. The building of one (1) **playground project** at a site to be chosen and agreed upon by both Wynnefield and Overbrook representatives.
3. Research into existing **Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)** and **Career and Technical Education (CTE)** programs in Wynnefield and Overbrook schools, upon WRA/OC request.