

PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY BOARD

Advisory committee to the Mayor on public transit issues

Meeting Minutes for the meeting on February 23, 2009

Members present:

Ryan Green
Chelle Hart
Julie Johnson Dresbach
Thad Mooney
Deb Nelson

Members absent:

Julie Briggs
Kate Heligas

Public in attendance:

Sheila Clink
Chuck Erlandsen
Charles Santee
Joe Dvorak, DakotAbilities

Staff present:

Gary Colwill, City Human Relations
Dennis Foster, Transit employee (representing union)
Debra Gaikowski, Transit Planner
Randy Hartman, DDS & Assistant General Manager
Kent Johnson, Operations Manager
John Nardini, General Manager

Call to order

Ryan Green, Chair, called the Public Transit Advisory Board meeting to order at 3:45 p.m. and read introductory comments.

1. Approval of minutes from January 26, 2009 PTAB meeting.

With no changes, Deb Nelson moved to accept the January 26, 2009 minutes as written. Chelle Hart seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Public Hearings:

a. Preliminary Proposed Program of Projects for Federal assistance for CY 2009

Julie Johnson Dresbach made a motion to defer this item to the March 23 PTAB meeting. Thad Mooney seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Proposed changes to Route 11

Julie Johnson Dresbach made a motion to accept the proposed time change for Route 11 and the change to the path of the route with additional consideration and review of the stop at the entrance to the mall at JCPenney in regards to congestion and also to look at placing a shelter on Louise on the east side of Hy-Vee near 49th St. Chelle Hart seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Thad Mooney made a motion to increase the fare for Route 11 from free to the usual fare of \$1.00 per ride. Deb Nelson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Open Issues:

a. Route 5 & 9 changes

Julie Johnson Dresbach made a motion to accept the changes on Route 5 and 9 which were presented to the Board at the January 26 meeting and for Transit to review the stop mid-block north of 3rd & 13th with the decision left to Transit on how to address the issue. Chelle Hart seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Public input on non-agenda items

Charles Santee – concerns about heaters in paratransit buses; thank you for correcting the on-line scheduling form for paratransit service

Dennis Foster – commented that some heater thermostats have been replaced on the buses recently

Shiela Clink – comment on Argus Leader article on Request for Proposals for Transit Management

Services; questioned whether the City investigated bringing the employees in-house; requested update on general ridership on evening paratransit service

5. New Business:

a. Sioux Falls Transit January Monthly Report

John Nardini reviewed the financial numbers and statistics for January.

6. Other Business:

Debra Gaikowski presented the 2009 PTAB Work Program.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.