

PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY BOARD

Advisory committee to the Mayor on public transit issues

Meeting Minutes for the meeting on March 23, 2009

Members present:

Chelle Hart
Kate Heligas
Julie Johnson Dresbach
Thad Mooney
Deb Nelson

Members absent:

Julie Briggs
Ryan Green

Public in attendance:

Sheila Clink
Matthew Gruchow, Argus Leader
Chuck Erlandson
Chad Powell

Staff present:

Dennis Foster, Transit employee
Debra Gaikowski, Transit Planner
Randy Hartman, DDS & Assistant General Manager
Kent Johnson, Operations Manager
Tierza Lanham, Paratransit Manager
Bill McCarty, Maintenance Manager
John Nardini, General Manager
Donna Schumate, Transit employee

Call to order

Kate Heligas, Vice Chair, called the Public Transit Advisory Board meeting to order at 3:45 p.m. and made introductory comments.

1. Approval of minutes from February 23, 2009 PTAB meeting.

With no changes, Julie Johnson Dresbach made a motion to accept the February 23, 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

After hearing public comment, Chelle Hart made a motion to accept the Proposed Program of Projects as written. Thad Mooney seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Input on Non-agenda Items:

Chad Powell – paratransit bus with leaking anti-freeze; when will the air-conditioning be turned on in the paratransit buses

Sheila Clink – questioned access to new PTAB By-laws. Debra Gaikowski explained they are updated on Transit's website at www.siouxfallstransit.org. Why is the new Pilot Project not serving riders between 7 p.m. – 8 p.m. Regular fixed route runs until approximately 8 p.m.

4. New business:

a. February Monthly Report

Presented by John Nardini. Possible safety award coming up for Sioux Falls Transit from First Transit.

5. Other Business:

a. Marketing Committee update

b. Response to Public Comments from January meeting

Complaint on paratransit bus heaters - checked out by Maintenance Manager. Many of the bus numbers given were either no longer at Transit or were fixed-route bus numbers. One bus number given did have a heater repair.

c. Announcement from Sioux Falls Transit General Manager, John Nardini

Retiring as of March 31, 2009.

d. Pilot Project

Allows fixed-route riders an opportunity to ride on the paratransit buses between 8 p.m. – 10 p.m. Riders must follow the same rules and policies as paratransit riders (reservation required, \$4 charge per ride). Starts April 1.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.