

PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY BOARD

Advisory committee to the Mayor on public transit issues

Meeting Minutes for the meeting on April 27, 2009

Members present:

Ryan Green
Chelle Hart
Julie Johnson Dresbach
Deb Nelson

Members absent:

Julie Briggs
Kate Heligas
Thad Mooney

Public in attendance:

Vivian Aamodt
Sheila Clink
Joe Dvorak
John Nardini
Chad Powell
Charles Santee

Staff present:

Debra Gaikowski, Transit Planner
Randy Hartman, DDS & Assistant General Manager
Kent Johnson, Operations Manager
Tierza Lanham, Paratransit Manager
Donna Shumate, Transit employee
Karen Walton, General Manager

Call to order

Ryan Green, Chair, called the Public Transit Advisory Board meeting to order at 3:48 p.m. and made introductory comments.

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

With no changes, Julie Johnson Dresbach made a motion to accept the March 23, 2009 minutes as written. Chelle Hart seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Public Hearings:

a. Final Proposed Program of Projects with Federal Recovery Act assistance for CY 2009

After hearing public comment, Julie Johnson Dresbach made a motion to accept the Final Program of Projects as written. Deb Nelson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Input on Non-agenda Items:

Charles Santee – questioned the protocol if a paratransit bus cannot get to a pick-up or drop-off point; concerns about getting called for an early pick-up and then the bus showed up 15 minutes later than the caller said it would; who has priority on the non-ADA paratransit rides in the evening hours; objects to cameras in the restrooms at the Downtown Bus Stop.

Sheila Clink – no longer receives a confirmation call when she makes her paratransit ride reservation on-line; questioned when Route 11 changes go into effect and when Route 12 begins.

Donna Shumate – many complaints about the removal of the shelter at 26th & Western

4. New business:

a. March Monthly Report

Karen Walton presented March statistical information for the paratransit and fixed route services including ridership, complaint calls, and preventive maintenance performance.

5. Other Business:

a. Safety Slogan Contest

Transit operators, dispatchers, and maintenance staff have been invited to submit a safety slogan that Sioux Falls Transit will use on correspondence, promotions, etc. for one year. It is requested that PTAB members choose the winner from all entries. The winning slogan will be presented at the next PTAB meeting. The selection process will be completely anonymous.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.