

## PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY BOARD

*Advisory committee to the Mayor on public transit issues*

### Meeting Minutes for the meeting on January 26, 2009

#### **Members present:**

Julie Briggs  
Ryan Green  
Chelle Hart  
Kate Heligas  
Julie Johnson Dresbach  
Thad Mooney (3:53 p.m.)  
Deb Nelson

#### **Members absent:**

#### **Public in attendance:**

Sheila Clink  
Chuck Erlandson  
Chad Powell  
Sarah Rasmussen, University Center  
Stacey Tieszen, Homeless Advisory Bd.  
Wendy Giebink, School District  
Gail Swenson, School District

#### **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  
Tierza Lanham, Paratransit 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 November 24, 2008 PTAB meeting.**

With no changes, Chelle Hart moved to accept the November 24, 2008 minutes as written. Julie Johnson Dresbach seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **2. Public Hearings:**

##### **a. Semi-annual revisions to routes, schedules, and stops**

Julie Johnson Dresbach accepted all changes except those on Routes 5 & 9. Julie requested that Route 5 and 9 changes be presented at the February meeting with additional presentation material and corrections to stop locations. Julie Briggs seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **3. Public input on non-agenda items**

Chad Powell – concerns about heaters in paratransit buses.  
Wendy Giebink – appreciated the new stop on Route 6 by the Arena Motel  
Chuck Erlandson – handout for PTAB members

Sarah Rasmussen – request for service to new location of University Center and between the new and old campus

**4. New Business:**

**a. Pass-it-on Program Annual Report**

Stacey Tieszen, Homeless Coordinator, presented the 2008 report. No action required.

**b. Transit Year-end Report**

John Nardini presented the 2008 Year-end Report. No action required.

**c. Revised PTAB By-laws**

Julie Johnson Dresbach made a motion to accept the changes to the Public Transit Advisory Board By-laws. Chelle Hart seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**d. 2008 PTAB Activity Summary**

Debra Gaikowski presented the Summary. No action required.

**5. Other Business:**

Debra Gaikowski – Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom grant applications submitted to the state by the City requesting grant funds for a Travel Trainer position and for operating funds to open up evening paratransit service to the general public. No action required.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.