

## 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 49<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> 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.