

PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY BOARD

Advisory committee to the Mayor on public transit issues

Meeting Minutes for the meeting on May 18, 2009

Members present:

Julie Briggs
Ryan Green (Chair)
Kate Heligas
Julie Johnson Dresbach
Thad Mooney (3:50 p.m.)

Members absent:

Rochelle Hart
Deb Nelson

Public in attendance:

Sheila Clink
Gary Colwill
Joe Dvorak
Dennis Foster
Belinda Hansen
Chad Powell
Charles Santee
Donna Shumate

Staff present:

Dennis Erckfritz, Financial Coordinator
Debra Gaikowski, Transit Planner
Randy Hartman, DDS & Assistant General Manager
Kent Johnson, Operations Manager
Karen Walton, General Manager

Call to order

Ryan Green, Chair, called the Public Transit Advisory Board meeting to order at 3:47 p.m. and made introductory comments.

1. Approval of minutes from April 27, 2009, PTAB Meeting Minutes.

With no changes, Julie Johnson Dresbach made a motion to accept the April 27, 2009 PTAB meeting minutes as written. Kate Heligas seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Public Hearings:

a. Preliminary Proposed Program of Projects for CY 2009

After hearing public comment, there was some discussion by the board members about the timeline to receive comments on this item which is ten days after the PTAB meeting date. Julie Briggs felt, if additional public comments were received after the board had voted on the item, it may be perceived as though their comments are not being considered. Debra Gaikowski highlighted that this Program of Projects is entitled "Preliminary" so if any comments were received, it would be brought before the board again for their consideration. Julie Johnson Dresbach made a motion to accept the Preliminary Proposed Program of Projects as written. Thad Mooney seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Input on Non-agenda Items:

Dennis Foster – issues on recent changes to Route 5 and Route 9. He requested the changes be reversed and the original routes be reinstated. Karen Walton said Transit will consider this request and also emphasized that any operational comments should be brought to her for consideration prior to bringing it to PTAB.

4. New business:

a. April Monthly Report

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

b. Election of Officers

Julie Johnson Dresbach nominated Kate Heligas for the position of Chair; Julie Briggs seconded the nomination. The nomination was unanimously approved. Julie Johnson Dresbach made a motion to accept Kate Heligas as the PTAB Chair. Julie Briggs seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Kate Heligas made a motion to nominate Julie Johnson Dresbach as Vice-chair; Julie Briggs seconded the nomination. The nomination was unanimously approved. Kate Heligas made a motion to accept Julie Johnson Dresbach as the PTAB Vice-chair. Julie Briggs seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Safety Slogan Contest Results

Ryan Green announced the winner of the Safety Slogan Contest held at Sioux Falls Transit. Randy Drewes had the winning slogan which reads, "Safety is the Key to Accident Free".

5. Other Business:

Julie Johnson Dresbach commented on a survey request she received from the SD Department of Transportation. She will email it to Debra.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.