

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.