

Maritime Metro Transit
Transit Commission
Minutes
Wednesday, September 21, 2011

Members and Advisory Staff Present - Derek Muench, Transit Manager, Valerie Mellon, Director, DPW, Linda Grider, Mobility Manager, Linda Schultz, Claudia Halonen, Neil Halonen, Janet Paszkewicz, Tom Keil, David Koenig, Mickey Veleke, Transit Clerk

Members not present - Alderman Representative

Call meeting to order - Derek called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM

Agenda - Linda moved to approve the agenda, Janet second - was approved

Approval of the minutes - No minutes since the July 6, 2011 meeting was not announced

Members and the Advisory Staff - Derek reintroduced members and the Advisory Staff

Public Input – there was none

Goals of the Commission - Since this Commission's first meeting was not an official meeting Derek reviewed the goals of the Commission, discussed the meeting format and frequency of the meetings.

Derek told those present that he was there as advisory only and from this point on could not run the meeting that being said he asked for nominations for Chairperson. Janet was nominated by Linda second by Claudia. Passed.

Derek explained to Janet she just needed to chair the meetings that he would always gather the information for the agenda and put the agenda together and mail it to the Commission Members and Advisory Staff.

Claudia was nominated for Vice Chair by Linda, seconded by Neil. Passed.

After discussion it was determined that the reorganizational meeting for the Transit Commission will be annually in January.

Derek presented the Commission with a Transit User Survey he would like to conduct this survey later in the year. The survey was read with a few suggestions for change. Derek will make the changes and send a new survey to all members. Tom offered the staff at Holiday House would help their clients take the survey at Holiday House which would give them more time for completing the form. Derek thanked Tom and was appreciative of this offer since the more surveys that were completed the better data could be collected.

2012 Budget information – Derek updated the members of current transit issues in the State and that MMT will be receiving a 10% reduction in funds from the State level which equates to between \$50,000 and \$100,000. In an effort to try to recoup some of these monies he is looking at the possibility of eliminating the 7-8 PM Monday thru Friday routes. This would take the buses off the roads, save wear on the buses as well as fuel, and the drivers would clean the buses thus eliminating the cleaning service. The possibility of increasing fares was brought up before the Public Utilities and Licensing Committee and it was decided not to increase fares for 2012.

Transfer facility update: There was lengthy discussion of the new facility. After much discussion the commission was having a difficult time understanding why the counsel was thinking of eliminating some of the energy efficient items from the plans which at this time would be covered by the stimulus money when in the long run if these energy efficient items were not implemented the monies would be coming from the city.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 16, 2011 at 4:15.

Adjourned