

Maritime Metro Transit
Transit Commission
Minutes
Wednesday, July 10, 2013

Members and Advisory Staff Present – Jim Muenzenmeyer/Transit/ Facilities Manager
Linda Grider/ Mobility Manager, David Koenig, Janet Paszkewicz, Tom Keil,
Marlo Kohlmann/Transportation Coordinator, Christopher Able/Alderman Representative.
Neil Halonen, Claudia Halonen,

Members not present – Linda Schultz,

-Meeting called to order – Christopher called the meeting to order at 4:18 PM.

Approval of the minutes - Janet made a motion to approve the minutes, Tom seconded it, all approved.

-Public Input – Jim introduced Dan Koski as the Director of Public Infrastructure

Hiring additional part-time driver-On July 1, 2013 the council approved the hiring of a part-time driver to avoid over-time and full time drivers driving more than 8 hours per day. Interviews will start July 11, 2013.

Hired seasonal part-time help- Summer seasonal part-time help was hired to do landscaping, cleaning shelters, and detailing buses. This has not been done for many years.

Credit card machine at the Transfer Center- The Transfer Center will receive a credit card machine soon. Everyday many riders request to use a credit card machine. We have been referring them to the outlets.

Hail Damage –Jim stated the damage to the Transfer Center was significant. The roof of the transfer center is aluminum and didn't survive the impact of hail well. The price of the roof was \$121,000 and the city's deductible is \$50,000 per occurrence. Jim will try to get them to put a steel roof on instead of an aluminum one. The safety building that is a half a block away with a steel roof sustained no damage. There was no damage to the buses. Jim's van that was parked at the Transfer Center did receive some damage.

Possible Monthly Pass price increase for 2014-Transit Development Program suggested that by 2014 the monthly passes should be raised to \$25.00. Jim stated it also in January when they had a public meeting to cut the hours of service. The 75 angry people that were in that room would have rather have had the price of the passes raised than the hours of service cut. The overall Commission felt the price of the pass being raised to \$25 is more than fair. Christopher made a motion to raise the price of the pass to \$25 by 2014, Neil seconded it, all approved.

Other Business-The Salvation Army requested a discount on passes and tokens. After a discussion, Christopher made a motion that the Transit Commission policy for non-profits is to provide a 15% discount on the tokens, and since the monthly passes are so heavily subsidized at 90% of the cost already by the federal government, we will not provide any kind of discount on the monthly passes. Claudia seconded it and all approved.

-Jim reported we have had vandalism to the bus shelters, and each time the police have been called. The police have stepped up security and there hasn't been any vandalism since. Neil suggested there should be an award to anyone who comes forward with information about the vandalism. This would make people think twice before doing any vandalizing to the bus shelters. Jim said he would call the police station about that.

-The shelter at Pick-N-Save in Two Rivers will be moved to Village Green West. It will replace their current shelter because you cannot see out of the windows of that shelter. The Festival shelter has been moved 40 feet to the east because it was too close to the driveway.

-One of the drivers (Randy) received a star award for picking up a special needs rider who looked to be in distress in Two Rivers and took him to a safe place.

-Member Input-Christopher suggested we set up the Transit Commission on Alfresco and Microsoft Outlook.

-Next meeting is scheduled at 4:15 PM on Wednesday, October 9, 2013.

-Adjourned- Christopher made a motion to adjourn at 5:07 PM Janet seconded it, all approved.