

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Meeting Minutes for March 12, 2014
Northside Conference Room
DRAFT MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Fyrne Bemiller
Mike Brewer
Victor Frazier, Chair
Resa Hayes
Dean Lynch
Fran Papenleur
Philip Rudy
Ann Campeau
Charles Hansen

STAFF PRESENT

E. Susan Meyer, CEO
Steve Blaska, Director of Operations
Lynda Warren, Director of Finance
Beth Bousley, Director of Communications & Customer Service
Joel Soden, Planner

Guests Present

MEMBERS ABSENT

Brenda Smits
Nancy Kelly (tentative member)
Margaret Jones
David Driscoll

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Frazier called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and Terri Putney conducted roll call.

2. MINUTES OF THE CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Corrections or Approval

Mr. Frazier asked the Committee to address the meeting minutes of February 12, 2014.

Mr. Driscoll joined the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Mr. Brewer moved to approve the minutes, Ms. Hayes seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

3. MEMBER EXPRESSIONS

There were no expressions at this time.

4. Future of CAC

Ms. Meyer said this is more of an informational item. Staff and Board members have discussed the CAC and agree that the committee has played an important role. Now STA faces a new chapter in its history and staff is looking at new ways to grow and improve the system. STA needs citizen involvement and later this year the agency will launch the Smart Bus which will involve a lot of citizen input including beta testing before it goes live. The Plaza renovation will also require citizen input. The Board Operations Committee said today they would like to see staff's plan for integrating all of the citizens input and outreach for the coming projects into one place and they would like staff to take that information to the CAC for their input, through the Board committee structure, and finally to the Board of Directors.

This is still in the planning mode, staff will continue to meet and discuss which direction STA will take.

Staff will come back next month with specifics as to how the CAC will be involved.

Dr. Rudy said this morning he heard a news item about STA and it was very positive.

A discussion ensued about the all-electric bus that was brought to STA to test for the month of March. The bus is from a China-based company called BYD, and they have a manufacturing company in Lancaster, California.

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5. STA Moving Forward 2014 Transit Development Plan Preliminary Project

Mr. Soden reviewed the PowerPoint presentation that lists projects and services to be presented to the public during March and April, and identifies those projects that could be implemented in the next ten to fifteen years.

Mr. Lynch asked about scenario A - replace and modernize and expand the bus fleet. It is listed as part of the .003 tax increase but this has to be done anyway. If the tax increase is not approved by the voters, where is the revenue to replace the fleet? Mr. Blaska said ultimately service would have to be reduced without the additional revenue.

Ms. Campeau asked why STA has not built the Moran Park and Ride if there is money available. Mr. Soden said the money is not currently available to build the Park and Ride but funding is available to study where it should be built and some design work.

Ms. Hayes asked if Paratransit service could go to Coeur d'Alene? Mr. Blaska said paratransit service is complementary to fixed route and there is no fixed route service to Idaho. There is also very little funding for transit in Idaho at this time.

Ms. Hayes asked about STA serving the Mead area? Mr. Soden said at this point Mead is not included in the Public Transportation Benefit Area (PTBA).

A discussion ensued.

Ms. Bousley talked about the timeline for preliminary outreach efforts:

March will focus on research; April will focus on public input; in May staff will present a draft to Board members; in June staff will create a supplemental report; and, finally in July there will be a recommendation and Board action.

Next steps include finalizing the preliminary outreach calendar and presentation/handouts, and developing the 2014 Public Outreach Plan.

Ms. Bemiller asked how the Plaza renovations were going. Mr. Blaska said the first floor options are solid; the proposals for the second floor are increasing the cost so staff is looking at other options.

Mr. Lynch asked who pays to complete the Division street sidewalks? Mr. Soden said it depends on the site; it will probably be grant revenue or a combination of funding.

Mr. Lynch said he would like it clearly stated that any extension of service to Idaho needs to be supplemented by Idaho funding sources. Mr. Lynch said he is getting comments about the city loop and how it terminates in Browne's Addition.

There is a concern about the fifteen minute bus service. Mr. Soden said staff is still reviewing this route.

6. General Business

8. SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

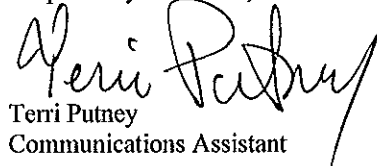
Proposed agenda items for April 9, 2014 include:

1. Minutes of March 12, 2014, CAC meeting – corrections/approval
2. Input from March 12, 2014 meeting – feedback
3. STA's plan for Public Outreach - feedback

9. ADJOURN

With there being no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Frazier adjourned the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Terri Putney
Communications Assistant