

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION & PARKING COMMISSION
MINUTES
JANUARY 18, 2017

The Public Transportation and Parking Commission met on the above date at 9:15 a.m. in the City Hall Conference Room 338.

Members Present: Mr. Charles Moore Ms. Jessica Harley
 Mr. Dave Schwartz Ms. Bianca Shoneman
 Mr. Andrew Denton Mr. Brian Farkas

Staff Present: Mr. Lamont Jackson Mrs. Amanda Braddy

Guests:

Council Liaison: Honorable Mr. Rick Smiley

I. WELCOME

Mr. Moore welcomed Mr. Andrew Denton as the newest member to the Public Transportation and Parking Commission, called the meeting to order, and established a quorum was present.

II. ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM

III. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

No additions or deletions to the agenda were discussed.

IV. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 19, 2016 MINUTES

Mr. Farkas requested the Proposed Agenda Items for November 16, 2016 should read "Update on Alice Keene Center."

A motion was made by Ms. Shoneman to approve the October 19, 2016 minutes as amended. A second was made by Mr. Farkas and passed with an abstention from Mr. Moore.

V. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 16, 2016 MINUTES

Mr. Farkas requested the Proposed Agenda Items should be corrected to reflect the January 18, 2017 meeting and the proposed item should read "Update on Alice Keene Center."

Mr. Jackson noted Mr. Schwartz was present for the November 16, 2016 meeting and Ms. Shoneman was not present and the location of the meeting should be corrected to the City Hall Conference Room 338.

A motion was made by Ms. Shoneman to approve the November 16, 2016 minutes as amended. A second was made by Mr. Farkas and passed unanimously.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Alice Keene Center Update

Mr. Jackson reported the Council on Aging had requested the City of Greenville look into providing a bus route to the Alice Keene Center. Mr. Jackson stated City staff

investigated several options to accommodate this request. At this time, an on demand route addition would not be feasible.

Mr. Jackson stated the most viable option at this time would be to add an additional route that would begin at the transfer point downtown, stop at the Greenville Mall, and continue to the Alice Keene Center. Mr. Jackson also stated the City is currently developing a cost for this additional route as well as funding for the estimated \$135,000 cost. Mr. Jackson also stated the addition of another route would decrease the ratio of spare busses in the current fleet.

Ms. Shoneman asked if an outreach to promote ridership within the City. Mr. Jackson stated he has spoken with the Public Information Office with the City of Greenville to promote the GREAT system. This could include profiles on GTV-9 for the bus drivers as well as other community outreach ideas such as a Touch A Truck (bus) program, and other community meetings.

Mr. Farkas asked about the anticipated increased ridership from the additional route. Mr. Jackson stated the estimated increase in ridership for the GREAT Transit would be approximately 30 people per day.

Mr. Moore asked about the goals of the Short Range Transit Plan. Mr. Jackson stated the plan would ultimately allow the City of Greenville to add two additional routes and cut the headway time of each route from one hour to 30 minutes. Mr. Jackson stated ridership would have to support the addition of the two routes.

VIII. OTHER – FYI

1. GREAT Monthly Report

Mr. Jackson presented the GREAT monthly reports for October 2016 and November 2016 for review. Mr. Jackson stated the ridership numbers were down and the routes were under budget. Mr. Jackson also stated the complaints received were mainly attributed to the delay of routes in connection with the trains and construction within Greenville.

IX. PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY 15, 2017

1. Update on Alice Keene Center

2. Reappoint Vice-Chair

3. Comprehensive Transit System (consolidating Transit Systems)

X. ADJOURN MEETING

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mrs. Harley to adjourn the meeting. A second was made by Mr. Schwartz and passed unanimously. The next meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2017 at 9:15 a.m. in the Public Works Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Braddy

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