

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION & PARKING COMMISSION
MINUTES
October 17, 2012

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

Members Present: Ms. Marsha Wyly, Mr. Ronald Dunbar, Mr. Bob Thompson, and Mr. Warren Daniels.

Members Absent: Mr. Eric Foushee and Mr. Neil Edwards.

Staff Present: Mr. Thom Moton, Assistant City Manager; Mr. Chris Padgett, Interim Assistant City Manager; Mr. Scott Godefroy, Interim Public Works Director; Mr. Kenneth Jackson, Operations Manager; Mr. Stephen Mancuso, Transit Manager; and Geraldine Teel, Secretary.
Council Liaison: Calvin Mercer

WELCOME: A quorum was established. Ms. Marsha Wyly welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

AGENDA: The agenda for the October 17, 2012 meeting was approved with one addition by Ms. Marsha Wyly under New Business: Annual Presentation to City Council.

MINUTES: Mr. Bob Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2012 meeting. This was seconded by Mr. Warren Daniels. The motion carried unanimously.

GREENVILLE TRANSPORTATION ACTIVITY CENTER: Mr. Thom Moton gave a brief updated on the Greenville Transportation Activity Center (GTAC). He stated this is his last meeting as liaison to the Commission. He has accepted a position as City Manager in the city of Broken Arrow, Arizona. He said he has enjoyed working with the board and staff. He stated this board is one of the most engaged citizen boards with a passion for its mission and the issues presented to it. Mr. Bob Thompson along with other members thanked Mr. Moton for serving as liaison/professional and appreciates his efforts over the years of working with ITC/GTAC project. Mr. Thompson added Mr. Moton's presence, abilities and capabilities will truly be missed by the Commission and the City of Greenville. Mr. Thompson also commended Ms. Marsha Wyly on an outstanding job with the City Scene on presenting her perspective on GTAC. Mr. Moton stated that Mr. Chris Padgett, Interim Assistant City Manager will continue to go forward with this project and will bring updates monthly to the Commission as well. Mr. Moton noted Mr. Padgett has experience in the metro community and has a strong understanding of the ultimate goal for the City of Greenville. He stated that the name has been changed to Greenville Transportation Activity Center (GTAC). Emphasizing a much broader vision than simply just a bus station he noted it would be a modernized multipurpose transportation facility. He stated that two sites have been selected thus far. One is the Pugh's property located across from City Hall bordered by Green, Fifth, Fourth and Pitt Streets. The second location is just to the north of Dickenson Avenue on Bonners Lane. Mr. Moton said there are strong merits for both sites. A meeting is scheduled for November 5, 2012 for the Stakeholders Steering committee and the Technical Steering committee to meet with the consultant. He noted that the consultant will have a partial 3-D modeling for viewing. More than a concept layout he added. It will have vertical

structure to show what the area could look like. The meeting will be held at City Hall 3rd floor gallery. Mr. Moton stated council is aware of the sites and they are eager to get feedback. He noted that perhaps a representative from the Public Transportation and Parking Commission along with a representative from the Stakeholders Steering Committee and the Technical Steering Committee will present the merits of both sites and a recommendation to the City Council at the December meeting. Mr. Chris Padgett added to the comments. He stated that Mr. Moton has done an excellent job to get the project where it is today. He stated that he is looking forward to working with the Commission. He noted this is going to be a long process, but we will get through it. He noted that he will be unveiling things on GTV related to transit and will try to get the word out about what the GTAC project entails. He noted the project website is being updated giving the background on the project and what our vision is for the future. He stated that we are not building this project for today; we are building it for the next forty years. Ms. Wyly asked if this information will be advertised by the public media. Mr. Padgett said it will be advertised by the public media as well.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments at this time.

MEETING DATES FOR 2013: A discussion was held to establish the meeting dates for the year 2013. Mr. Ronald Dunbar had concerns about meeting monthly. It seems to affect some of the working schedules he noted. He stated that it's becoming an issue establishing a quorum; so he suggested meeting quarterly and extend the length of the meeting. Ms. Marsha Wyly stated that due to being advocates for the Greenville Transportation Activity Center (GTAC) she feels the Commission should continue to meet monthly to stay up-to-date on issues for now. Mr. Chris Padgett suggested meeting every other month but also forming an ad hoc committee to meet monthly to discuss current issues. Maybe this will alleviate some of the scheduling difficulties for others he noted. Ms. Wyly liked that idea and stated if there are any issues that need to be addressed; it would be put on the agenda for the next meeting. Mr. Thompson suggested utilizing e-mailing information from the ad hoc committee and the minutes as well. Mr. Bob Thompson stated that he feels the meeting should remain monthly with the exception of July and December due to other transportation issue coming about as well. The meeting dates for 2013 were tabled until the next meeting. The By-Laws will be reviewed at that time as well.

ANNUAL PRESENTATION TO CITY COUNCIL: Ms. Marsha Wyly stated the presentation to City Council will be held in November or December. She noted the time limit is 10 minutes. She is planning a power point presentation. She stated she will be giving a summary of events for the past year. Ms. Wyly said if any member had anything to include in the presentation to e-mail the information to her. Ms. Wyly asked Mr. Stephen Mancuso to check on the date of the presentation to council.

SIDEWALK PROJECT: Mr. Scott Godefroy gave an update on the sidewalk project. He stated the sidewalk in question on Arlington at the railroad crossing has been an issue. The sidewalk at the crossing could not be utilized throughout the track. Mr. Godefroy stated that fourteen different crossings were schedule for review. Four were eliminated and the remaining ten were scheduled for improvements he noted. Mr. Godefroy said the projects have not been completed because the rail division has run out of funds. Staff along with Mr. Thompson has prioritized a list of crossings waiting for availability of funds for improvements. He noted that six out of ten have sidewalk improvements required. Mr. Godefroy said the list has been presented to NCDOT rail division. He noted the first priority on the list is the crossing on Memorial Drive.

GREAT DATA & RGP SERVICE REPORT: Mr. Stephen Mancuso gave a brief report on GREAT. He stated the ridership for the month of September is significantly higher due to the ridership from Pitt Community College and across the board as well. He noted that expenses are lower and revenues are higher for the month. Mr. Ronald Dunbar asked if more shelters are scheduled to be installed at more bus stops. Mr. Mancuso stated 14 shelters are currently out on bid. He noted bids are due in November. Mr. Mancuso added the shelters will be installed after the first of the year. Mr. Chris Padgett informed the commission that the street scape project on Dickenson Avenue will be completed in three years. He advised the commission to be thinking about the parking component as well as a bus stop near with a shelter. He also mentioned phase II of West Fifth Street scape improvements as well.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for November 21, 2012 at 9:15 a.m. in Public Works Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Geraldine Teel, Secretary
Public Transportation & Parking Commission