

**MINUTES**  
**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION & PARKING COMMISSION**  
**January 20, 2010**

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

Members Present: Ms. Lisa Simmons, Ms. Marsha Wyly, Mr. Ronald Dunbar, Mr. Mike Hamer and Mr. Steven Kresch.

Staff Present: Mr. Wes Anderson, Director of Public Works; Mrs. Nancy Harrington, Transit Manager; Mr. Thom Moton, Assistant City Manager; Mrs. Geraldine Teel, Secretary

Guest: Mr. Calvin Garris

Council Liaison: Council Member Kandie Smith

**WELCOME:** Ms. Lisa Simmons, Vice-Chairperson, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**AGENDA:** The agenda for the January 20, 2010, meeting was approved.

**MINUTES:** Ms. Marsha Wyly made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2009 meeting. This was seconded by Mr. Ronald Dunbar. The motion carried unanimously.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER:** Vice-Chairperson Lisa Simmons introduced Mr. Steven Kresch, the newest member of the Public Transportation and Parking Commission. Mr. Kresch gave a brief introduction of himself and Commission members welcomed him and introduced themselves.

**INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION CENTER UPDATE:** Mr. Thom Moton gave an update on the Intermodal Transportation Center. He stated that the project is nearing the end of the environmental review phase. He said that the portion of the project dealing with the National Historic Preservation Office has been completed, which was a requirement because there is a structure on the site, the Jones Lee House, which is on the National Register and considered to be historic. Mr. Moton stated that the NCSHPO, FTA and others have agreed that the Jones Lee House can be moved to a location that has comparable housing. Mr. Moton stated the Memorandum of Agreement between the Federal Transit Administration, North Carolina Department of Transportation, City of Greenville, and North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office has been signed. He stated that the projects website, [www.greatnc.com](http://www.greatnc.com) has information about the project and is updated periodically with current information. He noted that the website is another way to communicate with the public, along with having public meetings. Mr. Moton stated that once the environmental assessment document is completed, it will be posted with the State of North Carolina Clearing House for public comment for thirty (30) days, and will be available on the City website for forty-five (45) days. He advised that a meeting to receive public comment will be schedule at one of the upcoming City Council meetings. Mr. Moton said that the EA document should go to FTA for review in February or March with approval anticipated by April. Mr. Moton added that an appraisal update will be needed at this point followed by the review appraisals.

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

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Mr. Ronald Dunbar nominated Ms. Lisa Simmons to serve as Chairperson. Mr. Mike Hamer nominated Ms. Marsha Wyly to serve as Vice-Chairperson. The members voted unanimously to elect Ms. Simmons as Chairperson and Ms. Wyly as Vice-Chairperson.

**BUS INCIDENT (12/15/09):** Mr. Wes Anderson discussed the incident involving two passengers on the GREAT bus on December 15, 2009. Mr. Anderson stated that the incident happened on the Pitt Community College campus. He said that two males began fighting on the bus while it was stopped at the campus bus stop when one of them pulled a knife and stabbed the other in the back. Mr. Anderson stated that the bus driver immediately called 911 and was able to assist the other passengers safely off the bus. The stabbing victim was transported to PCMH, treated and later released. The other man was also transported to PCMH, treated for minor cuts and released. He was charged and placed in the Detention Center under bond. The PCC campus police assisted in the incident along with the Winterville Police Department. Greenville Police also responded and worked with the PCC police investigate the incident. From the police investigation, this was an old disagreement that had generated from months past. Mrs. Harrington, the Transit Manager stated the passenger that had the knife has been banned from riding the GREAT bus for a period of one (1) year. She noted that this is the first type incident of this nature on GREAT in the 30 year history of the bus system. She noted that it is GREAT policy that no weapons are allowed and any disturbances are prohibited on the buses. Mrs. Harrington stated that the GREAT bus driver handled the situation very well. Mrs. Harrington assured the Commission members that the GREAT bus is a safe place to ride.

**PARKING UPDATE:** Mr. Wes Anderson gave a brief update on parking. He stated that at the last City Council meeting, the Council approved the change to the ordinance giving the Public Transportation and Parking Commission the authority to advise on all public parking matters, including those that are outside the uptown Greenville area.

**GREAT DATA & RGP SERVICE REPORT:** Mrs. Nancy Harrington reported that ridership has increased significantly as compared to last year. She stated that the increase may be attributed to increased fuel prices; therefore, more people are riding public transportation. She also noted that the addition of a fifth route and the sale of day passes also contribute to the higher ridership numbers. She noted that a passenger can purchase a day pass for \$2.00 and ride all day. Mrs. Harrington added that the Pitt Area Transit (PATs) RGP (Rural General Public) service has shown a slight decrease. She added that expenses are down due to a decrease in repairs and fuel prices. Ms. Kandie Smith, Council Liaison, invited the Commission members to ride the GREAT bus if they haven't already. She stated that she will be riding all the routes to become more familiar with the system.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2010 at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Geraldine Teel, Secretary  
Public Transportation & Parking Commission