

MINUTES OF GALESBURG PUBLIC
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY
COMMISSION (PTAC) MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2017
AT 1:00 P.M. IN THE
CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE
TRANSIT MAINTENANCE FACILITY

Chairman John Peterson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Roll Call Present: Kyle Kelley, Josh Kilpatrick, Linda Miller, John Peterson, Amy Rutledge and Patti Smith. Absent: Kevin Stone. Also present Ex-Officios: Amber Connour from Galesburg Transit, Dedra Mannon from Handivan, and Julie Main, Associate Planner.

A quorum was present. Chairman Peterson had everyone introduce themselves.

Linda Miller moved, seconded by Josh Kilpatrick to approve the meeting minutes from August 9, 2017. The minutes were approved.

Public Comment

PT-17-0902 Carl Sandburg College Pilot Bus Pass Program

Genny Stevens and Amber Connour updated PTAC members regarding the new Carl Sandburg College (CSC) pilot bus pass program. Ridership in August is up 7.2% from the same time period last year. There were 698 riders at CSC this August. Genny said enrollment is down for the fall semester. CSC is impressed with the roll out of the new pilot bus program and CSC may purchase transit ads. Julie Main will provide information to Brittany Grimes their marketing coordinator. The transit option for students will be a great recruitment tool.

Items from the Chairperson

Everyone was invited to walk through the new hybrid buses after the meeting.

Amber Connour said that shrinking the bus pass to the size of a credit card will not be implemented according to Kraig McCluskie.

Jessica Linder from the Chamber attended the meeting and she said that the Convention and Visitors Bureau has good parking and people can park there and ride the bus. She suggested that transit information be provided to the hotels on East Main Street and the hotel staff could place bus information on their digital displays.

PT-17-0901 Holiday Decorations for Transit

Jessica Linder said the Galesburg Express will be held downtown on December 9th. She would appreciate having holiday decorations on the transit vehicles. Dedra Mannon said she has decorated the Handivans the past four years and decorates the vehicles the night before the Christmas parade.

Dedra said she goes to the dollar store and is able to purchase inexpensive items. Amber Connour relayed information from Kraig McCluskie. He said the buses can have decorations but they cannot interfere with access compartment areas and they cannot be a safety hazard. Galesburg Transit would appreciate the Chamber helping with the decorating expenses.

Jessica said there will be a new program at Lincoln Park during the holiday season called the Gift of Lights with various light displays.

Handivan and Galesburg Transit Updates

Amber Connour reported that there were 12,924 bus trips in August and year to date there were 95,788 riders. Dedra said the Handivan has open driver positions and van ridership is down due to this issue. She is concerned about having trip denials and she hopes she will be able to replace a full time driver position.

Patti Smith provided areas in town that she feels need to be marked with paint to make it clear that residents cannot park too close to an intersection. Julie Main will get with Public Works staff to request these three intersections be painted – North/Academy, North/Maple and Grove/Seminary.

Chairman Peterson said he is not planning on an October meeting unless a grant application or another item needs action.

Members discussed the Target bus stop parking area. People at times park in the bus lane and it makes it difficult for the bus drivers. PTAC members want to know when this should be permanently marked.

Patti Smith moved, seconded by Amy Rutledge to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 1:46 p.m.

Julie R. Main, Associate Planner
Acting Executive Secretary