



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

Public Transit Advisory Commission

Tuesday, April 16, 2024
5:30 PM

Conference Room
1A/1B
City Hall
701 E. Broadway

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Matt Wright at 5:32 pm.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

City Staff: Mike Sokoff, John Ogan, Gus Harmon, and Shannon Hemenway

Present: 9 - Dawn Zeterberg, Matt Wright, Candy Cornman, Gabi Jacobs, Sarah Johnson, Joy Rushing, Katharine Meagher, Jack Russell and Adam Thorp

Excused: 2 - Tammy Teel and Donald Jackson

Absent: 1 - Heath Immel

Unexcused: 1 - Robert Boone

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Sarah made a motion to approve the agenda with a second from Katherine. The vote to approve the agenda was unanimous at 5:34 pm.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Gabi made a motion to approve the minutes after corrections with a second from Matt. The vote to approve the minutes was unanimous at 5:34 pm.

March 19 Minutes

Attachments: [March 19 Minutes](#)

V. City Council & Other Commission Updates: Vision Zero, Disability,

Bike/Ped, CATSO

Matt reminded the commission to stay on topic during the meeting on each agenda item. Matt mentioned that our report went to council and city staff wants to keep appointed commission members as a hard number. But, the other parts they were open to and he would reach out to Stephens and Columbia College about the appointed members.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Earth Day

Matt went over the sign-up sheet. He explained that we will have boards presented on Earth Day with materials sent by Olsson. He also mentioned there will be a public meeting at the Wabash and there will be a survey and comment cards. Donald will bring items to handout and Gabi will have a comment box for Earth Day. Adam asked if Matt could send out the schedule. Gabi asked where the booth would be located, to which Matt responded K15.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Bus Stop Evaluation Matrix

Attachments: [2012 Sidewalk Master Plan](#)

Matt went over the sidewalk master plan and noted that the sidewalk plan is on tonight's city council agenda. He suggested to the commission the idea of creating their own proposal to add or update any bus shelters and sidewalks. Mike mentioned that our raise grant has allocated money for bus shelters. Matt inquired about the time frame that we need to spend the raise grant funds, to which Shannon responded, 2032.

Joy asked if ridership would be part of the Olsson study. Mike confirmed that it will be part of the study. Adam sought for clarification on whether the study would focus on improving existing bus stops or identifying new ones. Matt clarified that all aspects would be considered. Matt discussed the idea of potentially implementing a tier system to assess each stop. Mike mentioned that he could have someone come talk to us about it.

Shannon mentioned that they have a list of the amenities for each bus shelter. The commission requested that this document be sent to them. Candy asked if we have ridership at each stop. Shannon confirmed that we do.

2. Elections

Sarah nominated Matt Wright to continue his tenure as Chair, with a second from Adam. The vote to reelect Matt Wright as commission chair was unanimous at 5:57 pm.

Joy nominated Gabi Jacobs to continue as Vice Chair seconded by Adam.

Katherine Meagher nominated herself to be Vice Chair seconded by Adam. Matt asked the commission how they wanted to vote, and they agreed for a show of hands. Sarah, Jack, Adam, Joy, Dawn, and Candy voted for Gabi. The vote to approve Gabi as vice chair passed at 5:59 pm.

VIII. RIDERSHIP

Candy inquired about the current driver shortage. Mike informed the group that we are 7 drivers short and have multiple prospects in the works. Dawn asked how many do we need. Mike stated that 36 drivers are needed to run at full service and we have 29. Joy questioned the pay comparison to the trash collectors. Mike indicated that the pay rates are similar. He also noted that the benefits package is worth about 6-8 dollars an hour.

March Ridership

Attachments: [March Ridership](#)

IX. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

Mike mentioned that there will be a meeting at the Wabash on April 23rd, from 4-6 pm where Olsson will update the public and ask for input. He also noted that they are scheduled to do one more after this and that the formal recommendations can be expected sometime in September. Sarah asked about the public release date for this information. John explained that he would post it anywhere he could and it would be covered in the news.

Gabi shared news about MU's new parking structure and questioned whether transit would become a greater priority for Mizzou. Mike clarified that while general service won't change, an additional route will be introduced. He mentioned that parking in the outer lots of the new structure will cost \$5 a month increasing the demand for another route.

Katherine asked if there had been talks about a route from Columbia to Jefferson City. Adam mentioned that MODOT conducted a survey about a year ago.

The commission discussed parking, the costs associated with it, and the relation with transit. Mike noted that they have had conversations with the consultants about this issue. Katherine asked about Columbia's comparison to other cities. Mike explained that there are many variables to this but Columbia's parking rates aren't among the highest.

Zoom Link

Attachments: [Zoom](#)

X. NEXT MEETING DATE - 5/21/2024

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Matt motions to adjourn at 6: 28 pm.

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