



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

Public Transit Advisory Commission

Thursday, November 16, 2017
5:30 PM

Conference Room 1A
City Hall
701 E. Broadway

I. Call to Order: Kathy Lee - Vice Chair

- Present:** 8 - Steven Hanson, Katherine Lee, Christiane Quinn, Alyce Turner, Dawn Zeterberg, Diane Suhler, Rene Powell and Ken Hammond
- Excused:** 4 - Ann Anderson, Cheryl Price, Mike Sokoff and Evonnia Woods

II. Introductions

City Staff - Drew Brooks (Transit & Parking Manager) & Melanie Abels (Sr. Admin. Asst.)

Members of the Public - Ann Marie Gortmaker (Official 'unofficial' Bike-Ped Member for PTAC), Arnold Larson, Dylan Sherman with the Missourian, Jason with ABC17 News, & Brittany Rouse with the Columbian Tribune

III. Approval of Draft Minutes

Christiane Quinn made the motion to approve the minutes with a second from Rene Powell. The vote passed unanimously in favor of the motion at 5:50 PM.

Draft Minutes 11/19/17

IV. Approval of Agenda

Diane Shuler made the motion to approve the agenda with a second by Dawn Zeterberg. The vote passed unanimously in favor of the motion at 5:50 PM.

V. New Business

A. New Stephens College Appointee

The Commission welcomed Ken Hammond, Director of Security at Stephens College, to the PTAC.

B. Resignations and Potential Applicants

Kari Chesney had to resign from the Commission due to work Obligations. Applications are due by 5:00 PM on January 8, 2018.

C. Discussion on Setting Objectives and Goals

Kathy Lee wanted to bring up the Commission's Public Awareness and brainstorming Objectives and Goals of the Commission in 2018. Alyce Turner brought up making a goal such as being present at 3 events during the year. Several other members brought up ideas also. The Commission Members seemed to all be in agreeance in the ideas presented. They will make this an agenda item in January for further discussion.

D. Update on Diane's Presentation

Diane Shuler gave an overview of the presentation that she gave speaking to Mule Skinners in the programs she is involved in like the League of Women Voters, Teaching & all the Commissions she is serving on. She spoke about the budget issues that GoCOMO was experiencing and the recent route changes.

VI. Old Business

A. CBT Article Response Update: Kathy Lee

CBT posted the response to the article on their website. Kathy Lee mentioned that this article brought up an opportunity to promote the PTAC and get the word about PTAC out into the community.

Alyce Turner made the motion for an Op-Ed letter like the response to the CBT article be drafted for the local papers to bring awareness to the Transit System and PTAC. Ken Hammonds seconded the motion and the commission voted unanimously in favor at 6:16 PM.

CBT Response Letter

B. VZ Engineering Committee Update: Steven Hanson

Steven Hanson mentioned that the focus now on the program is distracted driving and ways of prevention. They are in the process of creating a Crash Analysis Team and addressing what needs to be done in the future to prevent crashes. More to come in regard to this subject in the next few months.

C. VZ Education Committee Update: Mike Sokoff

Mike Sokoff was absent, but Steven Hanson was able to give an overview of what is being done currently. Comovisionzero.org is a great resource for those looking for more information

D. Letter of Support on City Ban on Texting While Driving

Ian Thomas asked if the PTAC would be in support of the ban. Kathy Lee was able to write a letter of support and read the letter to the PTAC members.

Christiane Quinn made the motion to send the letter to the mayor (with current language on distracted driving as a whole rather than just texting while driving) with a second by Dawn Zeterberg. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of the motion at 6:38 PM.

E. Disability Commission Update: Rene Powell

Rene Powell stated that attention was brought to a plan going on in KCMO. It is a Public-Private partnership that has taken some of the pressure off of the Para Transit program.

RideKC Freedom On-Demand

F. Bike-Ped Commission Update: Ann Marie Gortmaker

Nothing PTAC related.

VII. Staff Report: Drew Brooks

A. New Routes and Pilot Flex Zone Update

New routes have been operating approx. 3 weeks. It has been relatively quiet aside from the biggest complaint being the map booklets are unavailable. Average rides for Flex Routes is approx. 3 rides per day.

B. New Marketing Specialist Update

Made an offer and accepted. Person is relocating, so will hopefully have her in place before the beginning of the year.

C. MPTA Ed. Series on Innovative Transit Programming (11/8/17)

They spoke about the program that was brought up in the Disability Commission. They spoke about having a Veterans Ride Free Program and they had a half a million rides so far. A presentation was also given by Enterprise Rental that are getting more involved in the programs.

D. Add to Calendar - MPTA Transportation Advocay (2/15/18 in Jefferson City)

If PTAC is interested in going GoCOMO can provide transportation to the event. Discuss at January meeting.

E. MO Task Force Wrap-Up

Not a lot to report yet. Will have more details next meeting.

F. Miscellaneous Go COMO Information

Nothing at this time

VIII. Requests from Council/ City Manager**A. Letter of Support on City Ban on Texting While Driving (VZ)**

Spoke about in Old Business

Letter of Support: Ban on Texting While Driving

IX. Comments from Commissioners

Kathy Lee brought up that Patricia Hayles had asked her to see if anyone would be interested in being the PTAC representative of the Mayors Climate Protection Agreement Award Selection Committee. Ken Hammonds volunteered to be part of this program and Kathy Lee appointed him as the representative for PTAC.

Kathy Lee also brought up that she spoke to someone from J School who is doing a report about Transit. She has interviewed several people for her project. Kathy saw that Drew was quoted in the paper and handed the copies out to the PTAC

X. Comments from Public

Arnold Larson asked Drew if Sunday was going to be added to service time. Drew said no, Sunday is not available at this time.

Ann Marie Gortmaker mentioned to Drew that she had some issues with crosswalks not being present and some being particularly slippery. Drew said he would speak to Richard Stone in regard to these issues for her.

Alyce Turner asked if all the shelters had been set up. Drew said that yes, all the shelters that are being set up with the exception of a couple they ran into problems with.

XI. Next Meeting Date: January 18th, 2018**XII. Adjourn**

Ken Hammond made the motion to adjourn with a second from Christiane Quinn. The vote in was unanimous in favor of the motion at 7:00 PM. Kathy Lee adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM.

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Respectfully submitted by Melanie Abels - Senior Administrative Support Assistant - City of Columbia