



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

Public Transit Advisory Commission

Thursday, September 21, 2017

5:00 PM

Conference Room 1A

City Hall

701 E. Broadway

I. Call to Order: Chair Cheryl Price

Chair Price called the meeting to order at 5:14 PM

II. Introductions

City Staff - Drew Brooks (Transportation & Parking Manager and Staff Liaison) & Melanie Abels (Senior Administrative Assistant)

Members of the Public - Ann Marie Gortmaker (Official Non-Member Liaison), Megan & MC (Journalism Students from MU)

Present: 8 - Ann Anderson, Katherine Lee, Cheryl Price, Dawn Zeterberg, Diane Suhler, Rene Powell, Kari Chesney and Evonnica Woods

Excused: 3 - Steven Hanson, Christiane Quinn and Mike Sokoff

Unexcused: 1 - Alyce Turner

III. Approval of Draft Minutes: August 17, 2017

Rene Powell made the motion to approve the draft minutes from the August Meeting with a second from Kari Chesney. Motion was voted unanimously in favor at 5:15 PM.

Minutes 081717

IV. Approval of Agenda

Date of next meeting needed to be corrected. Eva Woods made the motion to approve the agenda with the corrections with a second by Dawn Zeterberg. Vote was unanimous in favor of the motion at 5:16 PM.

V. New Business:

A. Response to CBT "Opinion" Article (latest issue)

Discussion was had in regard to what to put in the letter of response. Dawn Zeterberg made the motion for a response letter to be written up by Kathy Lee representing the PTAC in response to the CBT Opinion Article in addition to another letter to be sent to the Missourian and the Columbia Tribune. This motion was seconded by Kari Chesney and voted unanimously in favor at 5:41 PM.

CBT Article

B. Brainstorm Ideas to Get Word Out on New Options for Go COMO

Drew Brooks mentioned that there will be signs and flyers on the buses, as well as the updates on the website. Cheryl Price feels more communication that the fares will not be increased needs to be done.

C. Signage on Trails - Requests from Pedestrians and People Using Wheelchairs

Cheryl Price had been contacted by several pedestrians who wanted something done about signage on Trails. The PTAC seemed to unanimously agree that this is more of an issue for the Bike/ Ped Commission to focus on.

D. New "Mass Transit" Policy that Ian Thomas Presented to MO Municipal League

Cheryl Price: *"Councilman Thomas has proposed to the MO Municipal League (MML) a new policy on mass transit. Their current official stance has no language in their rules and regs addressing public transit. The new policy language submitted:*

D.24 Mass Transit "The MML supports an expansion of state funding for mass transit. Such funding would aid in achieving environmental, energy conservation, and clean air goals. Quality public transportation expands access to jobs, increases road safety, reduces traffic congestion, and improves public health."

The MML Review Committee will be reviewing this proposed new policy and will be making a decision within the next couple of weeks. If they agree to consider, it will be sent to the full MML membership for approval. At that time, the PTAC may be asked to submit a letter of support by Councilman Thomas."

VI. Old Business:

A. Testimony at Public Hearings on Budget and Memo to Council

C. Price Testimony on Public Transit Budget FY18

B. Letter of Support for Vision Zero Implementation Plan & Testimony on VZ Plan

VZ Letter of Support 081317

C. Disability Commission Update: Rene Powell

Rene Powell suggested possibly teaching the drivers a few ASL signs or even have cards to hand out for people with disabilities when there is a detour in place that the customers need to know about. Drew Brooks agreed that the suggestion is a good idea and the department could possibly do some training.

D. Bike/ Ped Commission Update: Ann Marie Gortmaker

Ann Marie Gortmaker informed the PTAC that there is still a position open for a PTAC liaison. Nothing pertaining to PTAC was mentioned at the last meeting.

VII. Staff Report: Drew Brooks

A. Update on Budget - Final Vote at 9/18 Council Meeting

Final vote at 9/18/17 Council Meeting: The #6 & 7 routes will be deleted and the #3, 4, 8 & 9 routes will alternate all day. Changes are effective on Oct. 30th, 2017.

B. Update on Consultant

Drew Brooks informed the Commission that Go COMO was looking at possibly bringing the consultants back, using planning dollars, to help plan flex zones.

C. Change of Date for MO's 21st Century T.F. Meeting Relating to Public Transit

The topic of transit, which was to already have taken place, has been moved to the Oct. 23rd Task Force meeting in STLMO.

D. Miscellaneous Go COMO Information

Purchase of 7 shelters from Columbia College. Also, Go COMO made an offer to a Marketing Specialist and if she accepts she should start next week.

VIII. Requests from Council/ City Manager

none

IX. Comments from Commissioners

Chair Price expressed that she has been given orders from her doctor that she has to step back from pretty much all that she is currently involved in. She has asked for Kathy Lee to take on more of the responsibilities of Chairman and Kathy has agreed to help in any way that she can. Chair Price will not be reapplying for the position of Chair when her term expires, so if anyone is interested in becoming Chair, please apply.

X. Comments from Public

none

XI. Next Meeting Date: October 19th, 2017 in Conference Room 1A of City Hall**XII. Adjournment**

Dawn Zeterberg made the motion to adjourn the meeting with a second by Evonnia Woods. Vote was unanimous in favor of motion and Chair Price adjourned the meeting at 6:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Abels, Sr. Admin. Support Asst. for the City of Columbia, Transit Division

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