



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

Public Transit Advisory Commission

Thursday, October 19, 2017

5:00 PM

Conference Room 1A

City Hall

701 E. Broadway

I. Call to Order

Kathy Lee called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Present: 8 - Ann Anderson, Katherine Lee, Cheryl Price, Mike Sokoff, Dawn Zeterberg, Diane Suhler, Rene Powell and Evonnia Woods

Excused: 2 - Christiane Quinn and Alyce Turner

Unexcused: 2 - Steven Hanson and Kari Chesney

Announcement from Chair Cheryl Price

II. Introductions

City Staff: Drew Brooks & Melanie Abels

Public: Gina Jenkins, Micaela Patterson, Allouette Mayer, & Mackenzie Duckworth
(MU Students studying Social Services - Josh Neighbors (MU Broadcasting Student)
- Dylan Cain (MU Student - MSA) & Arnold Larson (interested party)

III. Approval of Draft Minutes

Kathy Lee mentioned that Ann Anderson was not present at the September meeting, but should be counted as an excused absence.

Cheryl Price made the motion to approve the minutes with a second by Rene Powell. Vote was unanimous in favor of the motion @ 5:05 PM.

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IV. Approval of Agenda

Dawn Zeterberg made a motion to approve the agenda with a second from Ann Anderson. Vote was unanimous in favor of the motion @ 5:06 PM.

V. New Business

A. New Time for PTAC Meetings

Ann Anderson made the motion to change the meeting time from 5:00 to 7:00 PM to 5:30 – 7:00 PM with a second from Cheryl Price. Vote was unanimous in favor of the motion @ 5:09 PM.

B. Boards and Commissions Guide Handbook

Boards & Commissions Handbook

C. Skip December Meeting due to Holidays

Cheryl Price made the motion to skip December PTAC meetings starting in 2017 through all future December meetings. Ann Anderson seconded. Vote was unanimous in favor of the motion @ 5:16 PM.

VI. Old Business

A. Mass Transit Policy Update - Cheryl Price

4th Ward Councilman Ian Thomas has submitted a new policy on Mass Transit to the MO Municipal League. The policy reads, *"The Missouri Municipal League supports an expansion of state funding for mass transit. Such funding would aid in achieving environmental and energy conservation and clean air goals. Quality public transportation expands access to jobs, increases road safety, reduces traffic congestion, and improves public health."* Cheryl Price wanted to just inform the commission that Councilman Thomas is working on this.

B. CBT Article PTAC Response Update - Kathy Lee

Kathy Lee mentioned that she is working with Drew Brooks on fine-tuning the letter of response. She appreciates the input that she has gotten from PTAC members. She contacted CBT and was informed that they will not publish the response letter but will post it on their website.

CBT Article

CBT Response Letter

C. VZ Engineering Committee Update - Steven Hanson

Steven Hanson was not present at the meeting but the commission was informed by Mike Sokoff that he is on the Education Committee for Vision Zero and would be happy to give future updates also. He also mentioned that they are trying to put together some Town Hall meetings with Columbia Public Schools but have run into scheduling issues. He will keep the commission updated.

D. Disability Commission Update - Rene Powell

Rene Powell informed the commission that there was nothing pertaining to Transit discussed at the meeting.

E. Bike-Ped Commission Update - Ann Marie Gortmaker

Ann Marie Gortmaker was not present at the meeting but did let Cheryl Price know that there was nothing pertaining to transit discussed at the meeting.

VII. Staff Report - Drew Brooks**A. Budget Update**

The budget was finished and approved and they went with the Option 4 in the proposal.

B. Route Update

Option 4 eliminates the Dark Green and Pink Routes, as well as puts the Orange & brown routes and the Purple and Light Green routes on an off peak schedule all day. All changes go into effect on October 30th and the Go COMO staff has printed up and started handing out fliers with the changes. In addition to the changes, the Pink route will be hosting a pilot Flex Route program which Drew Brooks will keep the commission informed about.

C. MO Task Force Update

Drew Brooks and others attended a meeting in STL yesterday as part of the MO Public Transit Association. He and his group testified at the meeting but did not feel that it was well received. His testimony was put on a blog on the MPTA website.

D. Miscellaneous Go COMO Information

1. MPTAA in 2018 will be held in Columbia in September at the Holiday Inn Executive Center. Scholarships will likely be available for those that would like help in attending.
2. The City of Columbia is still in search of a Marketing Specialist as the previous applicant declined the offer. Applications are being reviewed. Kathy Lee asked if the new Marketing Specialist would be able to print up some cards with the Go COMO logo to be handed out and/ or mailed.
3. Concrete is being poured for 4 new bus pads: Bernadette at the Holiday Inn, Worley across from the Health Dept., Broadway Apartments & South Hampton at South Providence Medical Building

VIII. Requests from Council/ City Manager**A. Letter of Support on City Ban on Texting While Driving as Part of VZ - Steven Hanson**

Cheryl Price will ask Steven Hanson if he would be able to write a letter in support of expanding the City Ban of Texting While Driving to include all ages rather than only under 21.

IX. Comments from Commissioners

A. Kathy Lee mentioned that she had called into the Gary Nolen radio show in regard to a conversation they were having about Transit, in a negative light. She feels that there are still a lot of false information out there and thanks all the public for coming and taking interest.

B. Kathy Lee brought up possibly hosting a Transportation Simulation and knows that commission members have good ideas to share. She will put that on upcoming agendas if interest is expressed.

C. Cheryl Price wanted to mention that Anthony Nichols, who was the Mobility Coordinator for CMCA, has taken a different position in the organization due to that program not getting renewed funding.

D. Kathy Lee also wanted to mention the Snow Palooza that the city is hosting on Oct. 26th, 2017 at 1101 Big Bear Blvd at the Leroy Anderson Salt Dome Facility. It is an open house type event hosted by Public Works designed to educate citizens in the area of snow removal. You can get a complimentary ice scraper if you are one of the 1st two-hundred to arrive.

E. Diane Shuler mentioned that she is giving a presentation tomorrow regarding the different activities that she is involved in and asked the commission if there was anything they would like mentioned in regard to PTAC. New routes, GoCOMOTransit.com, and the PTAC meetings being open to public attendance were brought up as ideas worth mentioning.

X. Comments from Public

A. Arnold Larson asked when the new branding would be on the buses. Drew Brooks replied that it would be a slow process that they are working on.

B. One of the ladies from the Social Services group thanked the Commission for presenting all topics informatively. She mentioned that she is doing a project with refugee and immigration service that have taken positions in the Route B Corridor area factories. She was asking if there would be any future consideration for flex service or routes to run in that area. Drew Brooks mentioned that he had caught wind of some very early preliminary discussion being had about forming a committee with those employers to have a public/ private partnership of some sort.

C. Dylan Cain mentioned that Ian Thomas had come to an MSA meeting to pitch the Universal Access Pass idea.

XI. Next Meeting Date: November 16th, 2017

XII. Adjourn

Ann Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second by Dawn Zeterberg. Vote to adjourn the meeting passed unanimously at 5:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Abels, Sr. Administrative Support Assist, City of Columbia – Transit Division