

TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
July 22, 2021

Presiding: Chair Carol Luce

Committee Present: Paul Waterman, Nancy Muller, Warren Holzem, and Richard Stanton

Committee Absent: Alex Vice

Staff Present: Todd Wood, Heidi Muller, and Scott Hess

Others Present: None

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Luce called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Committee Member Muller moved to approve the May 27, 2021 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Stanton and passed 5-0.

CITIZEN INPUT: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Introduction to New Contractor: Scott Hess, First Transit General Manager, introduced himself.

- B. Operators Report: Todd Wood, Transit Director, said ridership was still trending below historical levels due to Covid. However, they were on an uptick in overall service. Fares would be reinstated on September 7.

- C. City Circulator Discussion: Mr. Wood discussed the proposed stops and route for the new circulator. It would run every 35 minutes, about ten trips per day, from 5:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. with breaks.

There was discussion regarding the reasons for the proposed bus stop locations.

Mr. Wood said once service began, the stops would be evaluated. It would take time to see where people were boarding and where they were not and who was using it and who was not.

Committee Member Muller encouraged the Committee to drive the proposed route.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Public Forum August 26, 2021: Mr. Wood said this forum would be an opportunity for public input on the new circulator. He asked the Committee to attend to hear the information and consider any changes that were suggested. There would be a Spanish interpreter and advertising would be in both English and Spanish. The meeting would begin at 7:00 p.m.

- B. Committee Vacancy: Mr. Wood said Committee Member Chapin had stepped down and there was a vacancy on the Committee.

There were suggestions for finding candidates.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Committee Member Stanton expressed concerns about the safety practices of drivers and the current fixed route as well as lack of safety meetings.

Mr. Wood explained those items were not in the purview of the Committee.

Committee Member Stanton did not agree and resigned his position.

The next meeting would be held on September 23, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Assisted with Preparation of Minutes – Susan Wood