

Minutes

Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority

Committee of the Whole
& Public Hearing

August 10, 2009

Place: Room 204, County Administration Building
Time: 5:30 p.m. – 6:02 p.m.
Others Present: Dale Hein, Ron Lambe, Blaine Lam, Connie Micklin, Lori Pyatt

Chairperson Teeter called the meeting to order.

1. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Paul Ecklund, Diane Kempen, Terry Kuseske, Jack Mekemson, Greg Rosine, Char Sumney, Linda Teeter

Members Absent: Jan VanStratt,** David Worthams

A quorum was present.

PUBLIC HEARING

2. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2010 BUDGET

A motion to open the public hearing was made by Mr. Kuseske, supported by Ms. Sumney, and approved by a voice vote. Chairperson Teeter invited members of the public to approach the microphone; there were no comments made. Mr. Hein gave an overview of the 2010 budget. Ms. Teeter again invited the public to comment on the budget; again, there were no comments made.

A motion to close the public hearing was made by Mr. Mekemson, supported by Mr. Kuseske, and approved by a voice vote.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

3. VISIONING REPORT

Mr. Lam gave a brief report on the visioning project. He said in his meetings with the KCTA Board and Staff, and with Metro Staff numerous issues were identified and clarified. The process for public meetings would be finalized before the next phase. A new idea included developing a website to improve public awareness, for feedback and to report to the public what the meetings produced.

Phase III, engaging the public, would start September 1st. He hoped the KCTA Board would be open to going to two meetings a month. He invited the Board to contact him for questions, ideas or comments.

In answer to a question, Mr. Lam said the next phase included a crystallization of the message and invitation to the public, it would also involve surveying people who attend the meetings and returning the results to the Board.

Mr. Lam also indicated that Phase III (which would begin September 1st) was when the Board would meet with the public. The meeting dates would be given to the Members for them to sign up, and the public would be invited through several different methods, depending on the meeting.

4. BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Kuseske stated the Budget Review Committee met on August 4th, to look at the current budget and review it for adjustments. (The adjustments would come before the board in September.) They also reviewed the committee objectives, and discussed future meeting dates. Mr. Kuseske clarified that it was the current budget that was reviewed.

Vice-Chair Rosine noted the “KCTA Program Funding by Source” memo from Mr. Schomisch. Mr. Hein said he would ask Mr. Schomisch if the fare box projections included proposed fare increases. In response to a question, Mr. Hein stated that the memo assumed a merging of the Care-A-Van and MetroVan systems.

Chairperson Teeter brought up the issue of Member absences. The Board discussed the topic. It was decided that the Chair and Vice-Chair (if available) would meet with the Members to clarify the absences. (Mr. Worthams’ absence that evening was unexcused.**)

5. APPROVAL OF JULY 27TH MINUTES

Chairperson Teeter stated that the Secretary and staff had been working toward finding the best process for bringing minutes forward for approval. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made, supported, and approved by a voice vote.

6. NEW BUSINESS

The bid opening for the combined C-A-V and MetroVan Systems happened on August 7. The new name for the combined systems, Metro County Connect, was announced the previous week as well.

7. OLD BUSINESS

Since Mr. Schomisch’s report was discussed previously, nothing further was commented on.

8. CITIZENS’ TIME

There were no comments made.

9. MEMBERS’ TIME

-Ms. Sumney recognized Mr. Lam for his visioning work.

-Ms. Kempen agreed and was happy that it would move forward quickly. The Metro publication, Headway, announced that riders were continuing to use the system as the numbers reported.

-Vice-Chair Rosine was eager to begin discussion on the results of the bid opening.

-Chairperson Teeter said, when meeting with the public, it was a good idea to take note of people who may like to serve on the board in the future, and encourage them to apply.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 pm.

KCTA Chairperson

KCTA Secretary

**It was later noted that, just prior to the meeting on August 10th, Ms. VanStratt had sent notification that she would be unable to attend; this was found afterward. Her absence was excused at the following meeting in September.