

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
OF THE MASS TRANSIT DEPARTMENT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
700 A-SAN FRANCISCO CONFERENCE ROOM
October 19, 2010

The Citizens Advisory Committee of the Mass Transit Department Board met at the above place and date. Meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. Committee Chair Jane Ratcliff, present and presiding and the following Committee Members answered roll call:

Ms. Jane Ratcliff
Mr. Ernesto Dominguez
Ms. Robin Roberts
Mr. Lawrence Harley
Mr. Don Pearson
Mr. Troy Hicks - absent
Ms. Amy Lechuga - absent

Agenda

1. Call to order.

Item 1: The meeting was called to order at 2:07 p.m.

2. Public Comments

Item 2: No public comments.

3. Approval of the minutes of the CAC meeting of August 17, 2010.

Item 3: Motion made by Ernesto Dominguez to approve the minutes of the CAC meeting of August 17, 2010 with correction on item 4 misspelling of the word "plaque". Seconded by Lawrence Harley. All in favor, motion passes unanimously.

4. Discussion and action on postponing the naming of the Northeast Transfer Center. (Sun Metro)

Item 4: Robin Roberts made a motion to postpone and she had three elements until they get a city council policy, include the names that CAC has selected. Seconded by Ernesto Dominguez. All in favor, motion passes unanimously.

5. Discussion and action to place suggestion boxes at the transfer centers.

- Item 5:** Ernesto Dominguez wants suggestion boxes placed at the transfer centers and suggested that Citizen Advisory Committee members pick up the suggestions and bring them to the meetings and take action. Mr. Banasiak said that they already have means for the citizens to get in touch with Sun Metro. They have the number to call if they have any complaints or suggestions and Transit Supervisors are at all transfer centers. Sun Metro could place cards bigger and bolder with this information in the buses. Ernesto Dominguez made a motion to place suggestions boxes at the transfer centers and the collection be done by the Citizens Advisory Committee. Seconded by Don Pearson. Robin Roberts and Lawrence Harley opposed, Jane Ratcliff broke the tie. Motion passed. Ernesto Dominguez made a motion to postpone this action until a more favorable understanding is found. Seconded by Don Pearson. All in favor, motion passes unanimously.
6. Presentation of the Citizens Advisory Committee annual report.
- Item 6:** Postponed for the Citizens Advisory Committee meeting of November 16, 2010.
7. Nominations for alternate members to the Citizens Advisory Committee.
- Item 7:** Cynthia Osborn pointed out that there are three vacancies on the Citizens Advisory Committee and there are no alternate members on the Citizens Advisory Committee. She said it was the responsibility of the Citizens Advisory Committee to try to fill the alternate positions. No action was taken.
8. Presentation on the Google trip planner.
- Item 8:** Ismael Segovia demonstrated how the Google trip planner works. Laura Cruz-Acosta spoke on educating the public on using the Google trip planner.
9. Update on response from Ft. Bliss to Sun Metro's invitation for a representative from Ft. Bliss to attend Citizen Advisory Committee meetings.
- Item 9:** Laura Cruz-Acosta spoke with Ft. Bliss and they needed more direction from the Citizens Advisory Committee as to what type of representative the committee would like, military or civilian employee. Laura Cruz-Acosta is going to suggest to them a Department of Defense employee involved in transit. She will go back to Ft. Bliss to see what direction they might give her.
10. Presentation on naming the Glory Road Transfer Center.

Item 10: Laura Cruz-Acosta reached out to UTEP, the president's office in regards to naming the transfer center and they had indicated Dr. Natalicio at it simply wanted it named the Glory Road Transfer Center.

11. Approval of the Citizens Advisory Committee dates for 2011 meetings.

Item 11: Ernesto Dominguez made the motion to hold the Citizens Advisory Committee meetings every third Tuesday of the month for the next twelve months. Seconded by Donald Pearson. All in favor, motion passes unanimously.

12. Opportunity for Committee members to request a staff report on items of interest over which the Board has authority. Discussion of items announced at this meeting will take place during the next regularly scheduled meeting. (CAC)

Item 12:

- a. Presentation of the plaque to recognize Walt Phillips.
- b. Discussion and action on naming of the Northeast Transfer Center.
- c. Discussion and action on placing suggestion boxes at the Transfer Centers.
- d. Presentation of draft of the Citizens Advisory Committee annual report.
- e. Discussion and action on letter to Mass Transit Department Board regarding Sun Metro logo.
- f. Nominations for alternate members to the Citizens Advisory Committee.
- g. Update on bus shelters, especially at Hercules and Dyer and Sun Valley and McCombs.
- h. Presentation on the Google trip planner.
- i. Update on options available to place a representative from Ft. Bliss on the Citizens Advisory Committee.

13. Director's Report:

- a. Draft Alternatives Analysis Report and Locally Preferred Alternative Selection on Alameda and Mesa Corridors.
- b. Report on current streetcar study.
- c. Report on federal guidelines regarding shuttles and charters.

Item 13: Mr. Banasiak gave the presentation.

- a. Report was presented to the Mass Transit Department Board and their objectives were to review these alternatives and review study results for Alameda and Mesa and then approve some preferred alternatives. Reviewed study results.
- b. Analysis was made of all the downtown bridges and the study of streetcar analysis was added. This study was done before July 2010. Representative Ortega wanted to see the feasibility of streetcars making it downtown. The study should come out in September or October making

the recommendation to see if streetcars make sense to have the downtown.

- c. Motion made by Ernesto Dominguez to postpone item c. until the September 21, 2010 Citizen's Advisory Committee meeting. Seconded by Robin Roberts. All in favor, motion passes.

Motion made by Ernesto Dominguez to adjourn meeting at 4:05 p.m. Seconded by Robin Roberts. All in favor, motion passes unanimously.

Approved as to form:

Department Head/Board Secretary