

Asheville Transit Committee Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, 3 March 2015

Attending:

Committee Members: Dave Erb, David Wilson, Brooke German, Bruce Emory, Tom Tomlin, Ed Johnson, Julie Mayfield, Adam Charnack, Calvin Allen

City/ART Staff: Yuri Koslen, Mariate Echeverry, Gregg Godwin

Community Members: Adam Sanderson, Roy Harris, Tim Sadler

3:35 pm - Opening of Meeting

Julie opened the meeting and welcomed new TC members. Members introduced themselves.

3 February 2015 Minutes - Bruce moved to approve, David W. seconded. Unanimous approval.

3:40 pm - Public Comment I

Adam Sanderson (Americorps volunteer with RiverLink) requested TC support for free or reduced price placards on buses advertising RiverLink's fare reimbursement program for volunteers. Bruce moved, Calvin seconded that ad rate structure be changed to provide 50 percent discount, rather than just 15 percent, on interior ads for non-profits. Unanimous approval. Julie moved, Adam seconded that TC request MMTC support for a 50 percent discount specific to this RiverLink project (since project ends before more general change could be adopted in next year's budget). Unanimous approval.

4:07 pm – TC Experiences Riding the Bus

David W. noticed outdated announcements regarding Route C on E1. Adam noted announcement problems with N, was also on a bus with non-functional audio on Mon, 23 Feb at 4:50pm on the N. Dave E. received a complaint about the discontinuation of service into UNC Asheville on the first morning ride. Calvin has received requests for temporary stop on N3 somewhere between top of Hill St. and downtown motel. Yuri clarified that problem with N3 is temporary, due to hotel construction, and will end soon.

4:24 pm – Old Business

TC Goals -

Service expansion: Calvin has met with Brownie Newman about county involvement, will transmit funding priority info to him.

Increasing funding: Julie is working to reconvene group that prepared funding white paper a year or so ago, and is looking at what City can do.

Policies -

Policies on e-cigarettes, suspensions, and strollers are in process. Yuri and Martha McGlohon have found good models from transit properties in other cities. Julie requested that Yuri circulate the proposed language to TC, for consideration at next month's meeting.

Groceries on the bus -

Committee is active, will bring a recommendation to TC within next two to three months.

Advocacy -

Meetings with Council members are underway, with mixed results.

4:52 pm – Staff Updates

Mariate highlighted Asheville in Motion charrette Wed through Sat, 10-14 March at Renaissance Hotel. Drop-in meetings will be Wed through Fri from 9:00am-5:00pm, with formal presentations Wed and Thurs from 8:00-9:00pm, and a summary presentation Sat from 10:00am-12:00noon.

Gregg gave updated info about ADA meeting which was postponed multiple times due to weather.

Yuri reported that ISO 14000 and Transit Center infrastructure improvements are proceeding.

5:08 pm – Agenda Items for Next Meeting

review policy document, groceries update, progress on goals, MMTC update (recurring)

5:10 pm – Meeting Adjourned