

MINUTES
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION & PARKING COMMISSION
November 18, 2009

The Public Transportation and Parking Commission met on the above date at 9:15 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Public Works Facility.

Members Present: Ms. Lisa Simmons, Ms. Marsha Wyly, Mr. Ronald Dunbar and Mr. Mike Hamer.

Staff Present: Mr. Wes Anderson, Director of Public Works; Mrs. Nancy Harrington, Transit Manager; Mrs. Geraldine Teel, Secretary and Mrs. Stacey Pigford, Civil Engineer I.

Council Liaison: Mr. Max Ray Joyner, Jr.

WELCOME: Ms. Lisa Simmons, Vice-Chair Person, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

AGENDA: The agenda for the November 18, 2009, meeting was approved.

MINUTES: Mr. Ronald Dunbar made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2009 meeting. This was seconded by Mr. Mike Hamer. The motion carried unanimously.

INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION CENTER UPDATE: Mrs. Nancy Harrington gave an update on the Intermodal Transportation Center. She presented a copy of the final Memorandum of Agreement between the Federal Transit Administration, North Carolina Department of Transportation, City of Greenville and North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office (NCSHPO). She stated that the agreement has to be signed by all parties involved before the City can proceed with this project and begin property acquisition. Mrs. Harrington stated that the NCSHPO has agreed that the Jones Lee House can be moved to a proper residential location. She added that the consultants are working to complete the environmental analysis report for FTA approval. Mrs. Harrington also distributed a letter of support for the project from the Greenville Museum of Art. Mr. Wes Anderson stated that as soon as acquisition of the property is complete and funds are made available, construction will begin. He noted that 80 percent of the funds will be provided by the federal government, 10 percent from the State and 10 percent from the City of Greenville. Mrs. Harrington stated that once the environment analysis report is complete, she will be able to apply for additional funding for the project.

Mr. Anderson stated that if the project becomes a joint venture with private developers, the federal government will not fund anything associated with the privately owned portion. He noted that the owners of the apartment complex and Campus Christian Fellowship organization have stated that they might be interested in participation in the project as a private venture in order to maintain their proximity to campus.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments at this time.

STEERING COMMITTEE FOR ENERGY CONSERVATION STRATEGY:

Mr. Anderson stated the Energy Conservation Strategy Steering Committee met on November 6, 2009. He stated that their goal is to encourage people to build more energy efficient homes and

retrofit existing homes. He stated that there is \$776,000 for a three year period and that all funds must be obligated within eighteen months. Mr. Anderson also reported that there is interest in converting some of the parking spaces to hybrid parking only. He said that this proposal would require City Council approval.

PRESENTATION TO CITY COUNCIL: Vice-Chairperson, Ms. Lisa Simmons presented a copy of the previous annual presentation to the City Council. Mrs. Harrington explained that this is an overview of the Commission's work during the previous year. Following discussion, Ms. Simmons requested that members contact Mrs. Harrington with any further suggestions. She said that once all the information is compiled, and prior to the presentation, a copy will be distributed to Commission members. Ms. Simmons invited all Commission members to attend the December 10, 2009 City Council meeting.

PARKING UPDATE: Mr. Wes Anderson reported that he met with Court officials regarding unlimited parking around the courthouse. He noted that the outcome will be that unlimited parking will convert to two hour parking or less except on First Street, where it will remain unlimited.

DRAFT OF PROPOSED CHANGE TO ORDINANCE CREATING THE COMMISSION: Mr. Wes Anderson presented a copy of the proposed changes to the Ordinance to the Commission members. He stated that studying the transit needs of the citizens of Greenville, on street public parking policies throughout the city and the parking needs of the Uptown Area are additions and #7 was added to recommend to city council on matters concerning on-street public parking policy in the city. Mr. Anderson stated that Mr. David Holec, City Attorney has reviewed the proposed changes. Mr. Mike Hamer made a motion to approve the changes to the city ordinance and this was seconded by Mrs. Marsha Wyly. The motion carried. Mr. Anderson advised that the proposed changes will now go before the City Council for approval in January.

GREAT DATA & RGP SERVICE REPORT: Mrs. Nancy Harrington reported that fixed-route ridership has grown as compared to last year and that the paratransit service continues to increase significantly. Mrs. Harrington noted that PATS RGP (Rural General Public) service has shown a slight decrease. She added that expenses are down due to lower fuel costs.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2010 at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Geraldine Teel, Secretary
Public Transportation & Parking Commission