

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION & PARKING COMMISSION
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 15, 2017

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

Members Present: Mr. Charles Moore Ms. Jessica Harley
 Mr. Dave Schwartz Ms. Dee Dinsdale
 Mr. Andrew Denton

Staff Present: Mr. Lamont Jackson Mrs. Amanda Braddy

Guests: Mr. Rajendra Jagad

Council Liaison: Honorable Mr. Rick Smiley

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Moore called the meeting to order.

II. ROLL CALL/ ESTABLISH QUORUM

Mr. Moore established quorum.

III. WELCOME NEW COMMISSION MEMBERS

Mr. Moore welcomed Ms. Dee Dinsdale as the newest member to the Public Transportation and Parking Commission.

IV. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

No additions or deletions to the agenda were discussed.

V. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 18, 2017 MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Schwartz to approve the January 18, 2017 minutes as presented. A second was made by Ms. Dinsdale and passed unanimously.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Rajendra Jagad provided Commission members with a PowerPoint presentation that addressed areas of concern from Mr. Jagad's perspective. The presentation highlighted the lack bicycle stands at various City locations and the need for better visibility at some bus stops. Mr. Jagad also stated an address on the Next Bus app for the City is incorrect and asked Mr. Jackson to check into the location at Lowe's Home Improvement on 10th Street.

VII. REAPPOINT VICE-CHAIR

Ms. Harley made a motion to nominate Mr. Schwartz as Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded by Mr. Denton. A motion was made by Mr. Schwartz to nominate Ms. Harley as Vice-Chair. After discussion, Mr. Schwartz accepted the nomination as Vice-Chair. The motion to nominate Mr. Schwartz passed unanimously.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. GTAC Update

Mr. Jackson reported the GTAC is in the construction phase and invited Commission members to attend the walk through being held this afternoon. Mr. Jackson gave a brief history of the project for the newest Commission Members and stated this facility will be a central transportation center for GREAT, ECU, Amtrak, and

Greyhound services. Council Member Smiley also added this facility is an effort to revitalize the downtown – Dickinson Avenue district as well.

2. Discussion on Alice Keene Center

Mr. Jackson reported that he had spoken with Cam Cameron of the Pitt Area Transit System (PATS). After discussion with Mr. Cameron regarding viable options to the Alice Keene Center, Mr. Cameron has agreed to provide service to their facility through PATS.

IX. OTHER – FYI

1. Comprehensive Transit System (Consolidation)

Mr. Jackson stated the GTAC facility will provide a form of consolidation in the local transit systems for the City of Greenville. At this time, discussions have been held with other transit system managers and there are no formal plans to consolidate systems. Mr. Jackson added his vision would also include services to and from Vidant.

2. GREAT Monthly Report

Mr. Jackson presented the GREAT monthly reports for January 2017. Mr. Jackson stated there was a decline in ridership from last year; however, there was an increase from December 2016 of about 4.8%. Mr. Jackson also stated that expenses were over budget in February but are still currently under budget for the year to date.

Mr. Jackson also stated the GREAT system was investigating the potential purchase of electronic fare boxes. This would enable riders to purchase and pay for fares electronically. Once the information is collected, City Staff will present to City Council for approval. The approximate timeline for completion is three months.

IX. PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS FOR MARCH 15, 2017

There were no new proposed agenda items for the March 15, 2017 meeting.

X. ADJOURN MEETING

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mrs. Harley to adjourn the meeting. A second was made by Mr. Schwartz and passed unanimously. The next meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2017 at 9:15 a.m. in the Public Works Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Braddy
Public Transportation & Parking Commission