



City of Bisbee
Transit Advisory Committee
118 Arizona Street
Bisbee, AZ 85603

Wednesday, June 15, 2016
Action Agenda

*THE ORDER OR DELETION OF ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA
IS SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION AT THE MEETING.*

Call to Order: 10:07 a.m.

Roll Call:

Present:

Humberto Rivera, City of Douglas
Connie Gastelum, SEAGO
Cynthia Robles, City of Douglas
Moni Norng, Local ADA Community
Judi Flowers, Senior Citizen Rep.
Shar Porier, Transit Administrator

Excused:

Bliss Frings, Bisbee citizen
Tina Munoz, AZDOT
Jestin Johnson, City Manager
Shirley Doughty, Council Liaison

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Donna Pulling presented some ideas that she thought would benefit the Bisbee Bus Transit System and the people who use it. She recalled how she and another resident had a cookie cutter made in the shape of a bus and then baked gingerbread cookies from the form to sell them. The money was donated to the bus system. She also suggested the Committee members consider purchasing a bus that looked like a trolley car to use on an Old Bisbee route that would just loop around the historic district. Bus transfers were also mentioned to reduce the cost of getting from one spot in Bisbee to another, she said. If someone takes a ride to Safeway and spends \$1, that person has to pay another dollar to get back home. If the city had transfers that allotted a certain time period, say 90 minutes, for going shopping and doing other business, people would not have to pay that second dollar. It would be a help to low income people. To protect people from the hot sun and rain, bus shelters are needed to protect people from the elements, said Pulling. Saturdays should be free days for everyone and have longer schedules so that people who want to take the bus from San Jose to old Bisbee for an event would have a way back home, she added. As in all Calls to the Public, committee members were not allowed to address her suggestions, but they will be brought up in future meetings.

Item 1. Introduction of New Member

Ms. Porier introduced two new members to the TAC, Judi Flowers and Moni Norng. They said they felt the need to serve on the committee and help in the decision-making for the buses to add to the riders' comfort.

Item 2. Discussion on the Most Efficient Method to Get Driver Reports to the Mechanics.

Mr. Rivera, Ms. Gastelum and Ms. Porier engaged in a conversation on developing a protocol to get the daily driver inspection sheets to the mechanics on a daily basis. Ms. Porier had talked with the mechanics about the problem and for the time being drivers can slide their inspection sheets under the door of the garage. Ms. Gastelum also noted that was a way to immediately get the inspections to the mechanics. Down the line, there may be other methods involving electronics to get the data safely to the garage.

Mr. Rivera will provide Bisbee with the format of the logs used by Douglas Rides to fill the need of proper and timely maintenance.

Item 3. Presentation of Monthly Ridership Reports.

Mr. Rivera presented the monthly ridership reports which clearly show the high usage of the elderly and disabled by the number of rides. A total of 2,863 rides were provided in May.

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

Mr. Norng, who is wheelchair-bound shared some of the problems he has in getting on the bus and the lack of assistance from some of the drivers. He gets on at the Fire station stop on Hwy. 92 and the unlevel ground and gravel make it difficult for him.

Ms. Porier explained that she is in the process of purchasing bus shelters and that spot was one of the first that had been brought up in talks with Public Works Director Andy Haratyk. Naco, Az., is another location where a shelter is needed. Others will be determined by Ms. Porier, Mr. Haratyk and committee members. The important thing to remember is that the placement depends on where the city has easement rights and where it does not.

The new shelters will be copper-colored steel mesh with the city's logo in turquoise. There will be a bench that sits four people and will have room for a wheelchair.

By the next TAC meeting, the locations will be discussed for TAC recommendation for placement to the Mayor and City Council.

There are also problems on one of the buses that has a step up once inside to get to the seating. Mr. Rivera said he would let the mechanics know to either tape it with bright caution tape or paint so people are aware of it.

These will be topics of discussion at the next meeting, along with one or two of the suggestions of Ms. Pulling.

ADJOURMENT: 11:09 a.m.

Next Regular Session Wednesday, August 17, 2016 at 10 AM