



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

Wednesday, August 17, 2016
Action Agenda

Call to Order: 10:10 a.m.

Roll Call:

Present

Humberto Rivera, Transit Manager

Connie Gastelum, SEAGO

Cynthia Robles, City of Douglas

Bliss Frings, Bisbee Citizen

Moni Norng, local ADA representative

Julie Flowers, Senior Citizen Representative

Shar Porier, Bisbee Bus Transit Administrator

Absent/excused

Shirley Doughty, city council liaison

Mike Norman, ADOT

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Donna Pulling denied stating that she recommended having a free bus service or a separate route for each district, as was noted in the minutes from the June meeting. She also suggested that the Bisbee Bus service be extended on Friday and Saturday nights to allow people with no transportation the opportunity to participate in special events. She also suggested that the bus service could make money if advertisements were allowed on the paneling, in addition to other marketing sources.

Item 1.

Unanimously Approved the Minutes from the June 15, 2016 meeting.

Item 2.

Discussion of issues and suggestions brought up in Call to the Public by Donna Pulling at the June Meeting.

Transit Administrator Shar Porier stated that the City would not be using buses that look like trolleys; or provide free bus service for weekends so that the people 60 and over and the disabled to be able to participate in special events.

The Bisbee Bus is a public bus and serves the entire community as a whole, particularly people over 60 and those with mobility impairments. On Saturdays, it runs from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Transit Manager Humberto Rivera noted that the application for the federal 5311 grants for the bus service have already been completed and turned in to ADOT. Now, grants are for two years, so no changes could occur during this extended grant cycle.

While there may be people who would like to go from district to district on a weekend night for social activities, finding drivers to fill this position is not unlikely, nor would they be free.

However, TAC member Ms. Frings said she would volunteer to work Friday and Saturday nights and drive the bus. All transit drivers have to meet ADOT bus driver training specifications and regulations, pass all training tests, be familiar with the lift for people in wheelchairs and pass a drug test.

Ms. Flowers also felt strongly about the weekend night route, as did Mr. Norng.

They agreed to do surveys of people in the Warren and San Jose Districts, look into the number of accidents, DUIs and fights that occur on Friday and Saturday nights with the help of the Bisbee Police Department.

Item 3.

Ms. Porier provided an update on the five, new bus shelters that should all be up by the end of September. Thanks to SEAGO's infusion of funds to the Bisbee Bus, Bisbee's riders and Douglas Rides passengers will soon have shelters to protect them from the sun, rain and wind. The copper-colored shelters and benches will add a pleasant character to their surroundings.

TAC is awaiting city council approval of matching funds from to finalize the shelters and the new bus match. They will be addressed at the September 6, 2016, meeting

Item 4.

Mr. Rivera provided the monthly ridership report. The Bisbee Bus provided 3,050 rides over the month of July. The highest number was the 60 and over group at 1,050. The second highest number of 822 was adults from 18 to 59 years old. The buses deviated from the route to provide rides for 20 people. If an elderly or disabled person cannot make it to a bus stop and calls at least 24 hours in advance, the driver will come and pick that person up.

Item 5.

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- Change start time of meeting from 10 am. to 10:15 A.M.so Mr. Norng is able to be on time as he takes the bus.

- Check with the City Clerk for a date to hold an October meeting.

- ADOT compliance rules for volunteer drivers.

- ADOT's policy for special routes and times.

- Update on bus shelters.

- Address some of Ms. Pulling's recommendations for the transit system.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:15a.m.

Next meeting will be arranged, if possible, for an October meeting.