



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

Wednesday, February 15, 2017

Action Agenda

Call to Order: 10:28 a.m.

Roll Call:

Present:

Julie Flowers, Senior Citizen Representative
Moni Norng, local ADA representative
Humberto Rivera, Transit Manager
Cynthia Robles, City of Douglas
Connie Gastelum, SEAGO
Jessica Urrea, SEAGO
Frank Davis, Bisbee City Council Liaison
Shar Porier, Liaison, Bisbee Bus Transit Administrator

Call to Public: No one spoke.

Item 1.

Approved the Minutes from the September Meeting.

Unanimously approved the minutes from the September meeting.

Item 2.

Introduced the New City Council Liaison Frank Davis.

Mr. Davis said he looks forward to working with the committee members and learning about the transit system.

Item 3.

SEAGO's Partnership Brings Benefits For Low Income Families.

Ms. Porier told the members that SEAGO had awarded a \$5,000 mini-grant to go toward free passes for people not reached by ads or other means. These monthly passes will benefit veterans and low income individuals and families through a voucher program to be set up by SEAGO.

Item 4.

Discussed Survey Done By Ms. Flowers Supporting Weekend Service.

Ms. Flowers presented the members with a number of surveys she was able to obtain from fellow riders.

This was to gauge interest in longer hours on Fridays and Saturdays, particularly on days that have special events in Old Bisbee. She noted that many residents without personal vehicles can only get to events by bus or by asking for rides from friends. No bus takes away their independence.

She pointed out that it could help this segment of the population to be able to attend meetings, enjoy time with families, eat out and participate in various events.

Resident Donna Pulling was also in favor of the extended weekend hours and exploring the option for the benefit of the disabled, elderly and low income residents.

Though the survey was a small sampling, it did provide a foundation for considering extended hours, said Ms. Porier. However, the city was locked into a contract with Douglas through 2018 and there would be no funds for extended hours.

Ms. Gastelum said that a feasibility study should be done to be sure this was an appropriate use for public funds. ADOT would have to approve the funding for the study and the increase in the Douglas contract to pay for extended hours.

The conversation will continue and a plan developed to proceed when possible with a more thorough study.

Item 5.

Discussed Changes To Budget In The 5311 Grant.

Ms. Porier introduced the members to the 5311 grant application and billing form used for bus revenue and expenses. She explained that some of the line item categories had been changed to meet ADOT guidelines and make it easier for a true accounting of billing.

Item 6.

Ridership Report And Other News

Mr. Rivera presented the January ridership report and a chart for comparison with the previous year's numbers. With the fiscal year starting in October 2016, showed that ridership was down a bit from 2015-16.

In response to a question about the long break time for the drivers each day, he said it was better for the drivers to have that break to eat, walk and rest.

Ms. Urrea agreed and told the members that when she drove a bus it was hard to run a straight shift due to the stress that can come with job. There are rules that guide the hours, she added.

Item 7.

Comments Of Board Members With No Discussion.

Ms. Flowers asked Ms. Porier to check into the possibility of holding meetings more frequently than quarterly and changing the time of the meeting to accommodate those arriving by bus. She and Mr. Norng would like to meet monthly and at a later time, 10:30 a.m.

Adjournment: 11:29 a.m.