

SAN MARCOS TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

April 29, 2016 – 9:30 a.m.

Committee Members Present

Steve Herrera
Peter Wetterhall
Joseph Ptak

CARTS Staff & City of San Marcos Present

Rachid Breir, Asst. General Mgr. of Operations
Pete Binion, City Liason
Donna Aaron, Committee Secretary

Committee Member Absent

Charles O'Neil

I. Roll Call

The meeting came to order at 9:32 a.m. with roll call.

II. Public Comment Period

Two members of the community brought concerns/comments as follows:

- A. Additional stops on Cape Road were requested.
- B. Questions were asked and a request made for additional servicing of the Parker/Broadway area, which includes the WIC office and Sunrise Village Senior center.

III. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Steve to approve the minutes from the January 29th meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Peter. The motion carried with all in favor.

IV. Staff Updates

A. Ridership Report

The ridership reports for January through March, showing a steady increase of ridership, was presented by Rachid.

B. On-Time Performance

The on-time performance report was also presented by Rachid who stated that issues with construction were effecting the ability of drivers to stay on time. In addition, he presented: 1) the issue CARTS is having with finding bus stop signs lying on the ground and asked for access to police reports involving damage to CARTS property and 2) the refusal of the Walmart representative to accept a meeting to discuss permission to install a bus shelter on their property. He also gave a brief update of reroutes under consideration for Route 1 Eastbound and Route 1 Westbound, to include the Post Office and Govt. Center, and Routes 4 and 5 to service the WIC office more frequently.

V. Open Seat on San Marcos Transit Advisory Committee - Discussion

Joe asked if an ad could be entered into the local newspaper regarding the open position. He was informed that some applications had already been turned in and they were due to be discussed at the next CARTS Board Meeting.

VI. San Marcos Transit Advisory Committee Presentation to the CARTS Board on March 31, 2016 – Report/Discussion

Joe reported that the letters presented to the Board were received with a very positive and supportive attitude from the Board. He expressed his desire to also present them to the San Marcos City Council.

VII. Transit System Marketing - Discussion

It was stated that Dana, CARTS Community Services Director, had a follow up meeting planned with Lisa Prewitt, City Council Liaison, to further discuss marketing strategies. Rachid stated that he would invite Dana to the next meeting to present an update.

VIII. Any New Business

Under new business, Joe passed out an article from *Mass Transit Magazine* titled “Art in Transit”, for discussion at a later meeting, and Rachid stated that he had requested that one of the new buses be brought down for the purposes of training and he would notify the Committee members ahead of time so they could see it.

IX. Adjournment

The motion to adjourn was made by Pete. It was seconded by Steve and the meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m. with all in favor.