

SAN MARCOS TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

September 26, 2014 – 9:30 a.m.

Present at the meeting were:

Committee Members Present

Charles O'Neil
Peter Wetterhall
Steve Herrera
Joseph Ptak

Committee Members Absent

Paul Morris

CARTS Staff & City of San Marcos

Edna Johnson, Director San Marcos Transit Urban District
Donna Aaron, Committee Secretary
Pete Binion, City of San Marcos Liaison

Guest

Jillian Beck, San Marcos Daily Record

I. Introductions – Roll Call

The meeting came to order at 9:39 a.m. with introductions around the table for the benefit of member Peter Wetterhall who was unable to attend the first two meetings.

II. Consideration/Approval of Election of Officers

Election of officers was tabled until a plenary meeting could be held.

III. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Joseph to approve the minutes from the July 25th meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Paul. The motion carried with all in favor.

IV. Amended By-Laws

Edna pointed out the amendments to the By-Laws with regards to the Committee's duties to the public. Article 9 was added stating that the public will be encouraged to attend meetings and time will be allotted appropriately for their input.

Article 10 states that the Committee will select three (3) members to serve as an ADA Appeals Board. Joseph and Charles volunteered to serve on the Appeals Board and all agreed that Paul, as a representative of Arcil, would be a good selection for the third member.

A motion was made by Joseph to approve the amendments to the By-Laws. The motion was seconded by Charles. The motion carried with all in favor.

V. Review ADA Plan

In review of the ADA Plan Edna stated that it had been approved by the Board of Directors on Thursday, September 25th. She also stated that the Plan was presented to the City Council on August 19th along with route changes and fare increases. Discussion of the ADA Plan included subscription service, the ADA application and the no-show policy.

VI. Review San Marcos Transit Plan Presentation to Council

Review of the Power Point presentation began with an introduction to the process for the changes due to begin on January 5th of 2015. Edna stated that the process began with a technical committee in January of 2014. The project goals for the Committee were to evaluate current service and population characteristics, understand the needs of existing and potential customers and ensure alignment with existing plans for San Marcos. Included in the presentation was an overview of the current system, peer agency fare comparisons, ridership and community outreach findings, route change recommendations and a five (5) year expansion plan.

VII. Discuss Public Hearings

Discussion of the public hearings briefly covered the feedback gathered from the public which was used to form the five year expansion plan. The feedback included a desire for a two hour extension of service and a desire for service on the weekends. University students expressed a desire for added frequency to the University route.

VIII. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. with the Committee members agreeing on November 14th as the next meeting date.