

Minutes

TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMISSION

Public Works Facility

Tuesday, June 9, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. Commission members: Tom Curry, Janell Kassel, and Pat Hagens, were present. Ex-officio member Kathie Anderson-Noel was also present. Minutes from the March 10, 2014 meeting were read. Tom Curry made a motion to approve minutes as read, Janell Kassel seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.

The following operational activities were discussed. Pat Hagens was introduced as the newest member of the Transit Advisory Commission. Pat is a retired MuscaBus driver and advocate/supporter of Transit.

A Public Hearing was held on April 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall for the fare increase. No public or written comments were heard or received regarding the fare increase. The City Council approved the increase which will take effect on Wednesday, July 1, 2015. Route rides will be \$1.00 each. Monthly route passes will be \$32.00. ParaTransit, JARC, and New Freedom rides will be \$2.00 each. Ticket prices will be identical to cash prices.

The Transit Supervisor reported that the Green Route which expanded hours of operation on 3/23/2015 to serve passengers travelling to Unity Point North has seen an overall increase in ridership. Overall, MuscaBus provided 524 more rides in April and May over the previous year. The Green Route had a 1720 ride increase. Red Route saw a decrease of 715 rides and Blue Route a decrease of 481 rides. The Yellow Route is not taken into consideration because it is not directly affected by the increase of Green Route operating hours.

In other operational news, MuscaBus assisted the Muscatine Symphony with rides to concerts held in April and May.

Two MuscaBus drivers have signed up to participate in the annual Driver ROADeo. This year's competition will be in Des Moines. Drivers operate on an obstacle course set up for buses. Each transit system can send two drivers. Both MuscaBus drivers have participated previously.

In training news, the Transit Supervisor attended an Adult Mental Health First Aid course presented by Scott County Kids DCAT. The training was held in Muscatine at the School District Administration Office on Mulberry.

The Transit Supervisor also attended Transit Manager Training in Ames. Presenters were individuals employed by the Office of Public Transit in Ames.

Lastly, in planning news. Two new drivers have been hired to replace retirees. They are Roman Zapata and Janet Orr.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.. Motion Janell Kassel, second Tom Curry. Motion carried. The next Transit Advisory Commission meeting will be held at Public Works on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.. Members of the general public are welcome to attend. Any person with a disability requiring a reasonable accommodation to participate should contact the MuscaBus office at 563-263-8152 at least two days prior to the Transit Advisory Commission meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Korpi, Transit Supervisor