

Minutes
TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMISSION
Public Works Facility
Monday, March 14, 2011

March 2011 meeting was opened in prayer. Members present were: Maggie Curry, Jason Miller, Kevin Duncan, Sue George, and Janell Kassell. Ex-Officio member Kathie Anderson-Noel was also present.

Minutes from the December 2010 meeting were read and approved.

Dr. Janell Kassell was introduced as the newest member of the Transit Advisory Commission. She replaces Angie Nelson, who stepped down. Dr. **Kassell's term will be March 2011 - March 2013.**

Several operational items were discussed. Rides were provided for United Way Christmas Connection party on 12/22/10. Riders were transported from their homes to the party, at Calvary Church. This was a cooperative effort between voluntary organizations in Muscatine to provide a Christmas meal and gifts.

On February 12, 2011 MuscaBus provided rides for the Muscatine Symphony concert held at Central Middle School. Passengers were transported from Central Middle School to Geneva Country Club where a dinner was served. MuscaBus provided 70 rides for symphony goers.

MuscaBus hosted Congressman Dave Loebsack and his District Representative, Jared Hershberger for a visit on Saturday, February 26, 2011. They toured Public Works, met with the Director of Public Works and the Transit Supervisor, went for a bus ride and received an overview of the operation. Transit Statistics were provided for the year in review from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

All drivers and dispatchers were participants in The Transit Operator Defensive Driving Four program, which is based on the National Safety Council Defensive Driving Course. This was a fast paced four hour driving improvement program offering practical strategies to reduce accidents and reinforce existing driving skills was offered on January 17th and 18th on site. This course was sponsored and funded by the Iowa Department of Transportation Fellowship.

The Transit Supervisor was involved in several training workshops in February. I attended a Transit Program Management System (TPMS) training in Ames. This online option must be used in the development of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), a funding requirement. Training was provided onsite at DOT Office of Public Transit in Ames. I also attended the IPTA Iowa Public Transit Association meeting in Des Moines where we met with Senators and Legislators for breakfast in the Capital to discuss Transit concerns. I was able to meet with Senator Hahn, Representative Mark Lofgren, and Representative Jeff Kaufman.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.. The next Transit Advisory Commission meeting will be held at Public Works, 1459 Washington on June 14, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

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