

# FLORENCE TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

## September 14, 2016

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:44 pm by Chair Craig.

### **ROLL CALL**

Committee members: Bill Craig, Don Patten, Jane Ashley, Stan Easter and Sandi Young were present.

Ex-officio members: Josh Haring (River Cities Taxi) was present. Susan Hekimoglu, LTD, had calendered this meeting incorrectly and was not able to attend.

City Councilors: Councilor Preisler

Support Staff: Glen Southerland, Florence Planning Department, was present.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** Craig moved to approve, second by Easter. By voice, all ayes. Agenda approved.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** July 20, 2016, August 17, 2016. Easter moved to approve both sets of minutes as written, second by Patton. By voice, all ayes. Agenda approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** None.

### **ROUTE CHANGES UPDATE/OPERATIONS**

Statistics: Haring reported that the bus has been full for several days this month. August numbers were similar to July. September numbers are higher, and many riders are repeat riders.

Benches The location of the second Kiwanis bench at the hospital is still to be determined. The pad and ramp at 8<sup>th</sup> Street location near the Dollar Store will be porous concrete. The new bus signs have not yet arrived from LTD. The remaining two benches are in storage until their sites are ready.

### **PROMOTIONS AND MARKETING**

Senior Expo: Haring asked for TAC volunteers to cover the booth. Southerland will send out an email sign-up page.

Aging in Place, Sept. 16, 2016: Rhody Express will have a table. Southerland will set up and attend some of the event. Ashley and Young also volunteered to be at the table.

### **OTHER.**

Florence to Yachats: This new service is proceeding according to plans, with service to begin in January 2017.

New Rhody Express bus: Haring reported that LTD continues to look for funding. We should be more successful in this new attempt since the reporting on the condition of the existing bus has changed to be more indicative of its actual condition, and we will not have the competition from the Florence/Yachats bus. Councilor Preisler is speaking with our area representatives, and emphasizing the wheelchair transport part of our service rather than just trip numbers.

**FUTURE MEETING DATE**

October 19, 2016 at 1:30 at City Hall.

**Meeting adjourned at 2:13 pm**

**APPROVED BY THE TAC ON THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.**

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**Bill Craig, Chairperson**