

# **FLORENCE TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**August 16, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 1:34 p.m. by Vice-Chair Patton.

## **ROLL CALL:**

Committee members: Don Patton, Vice Chairperson; Stan Easter; Nan Harvey; and Ivy Medow

Ex-officio members: John Ahlen, LTD, and Florence City Councilor Ron Preisler.

Support Staff: Glen Southerland, Associate Planner, and Nadjia O'Lauren, Planning Intern, Florence Planning Department.

A quorum was not present until later during the meeting. Voting items on the agenda were skipped until a quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion by Vice-Chair Patton with the addition of Approval of Minutes for July 19, 2017 and change of Future Meeting Date of September 20, 2017, second by Harvey. By voice, all ayes.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

June 21, 2017: Motion by Easter, second by Harvey. By voice, all ayes.

July 19, 2017: Motion by Harvey, second by Medow. By voice, all ayes.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** No comments were offered.

## **COMMITTEE BUSINESS:**

Committee Hiatus: All City committees will be taking a hiatus from November through February due to the scheduled City Hall move and boards and committees recruitment.

Selection of Chairperson: Vice-Chair Patton suggested that selection of a chairperson until new members were recruited.

Committee Vacancies: Committee vacancies will need to wait until the normal recruitment cycle. Harvey informed the committee that she may be relocating and may need to resign from the committee. Other members stated that they may also have other issues necessitating their absence. They will keep the committee informed.

The committee discussed the possibility of changing the code language to remove the requirement for a high school student. The goal of this change would be to open up a position for a member of the general public or "preferring" a high school student rather than requiring that the position be reserved for a high school student. The committee discussed changing the time and/or the days of the committee meetings.

## **ROUTE CHANGE UPDATE/OPERATIONS:**

Ridership: Southerland stated that the Rhody Express had 627 passengers for July 2017.

## **PROMOTION AND MARKETING:**

Ride Free Day Progress Report: No reportable progress. Southerland stated that he was working on getting a sponsor started.

New Bus Appearance: Harvey stated that she would like to see the new bus have a more lively appearance. The committee discussed the possibilities of changing the name from Rhody Express and determining how to change the public image of the bus.

## **OTHER ITEMS:**

Florence/Yachats Connection: Vice-Chair Patton questioned who would be the overseeing committee for the Florence/Yachats route. Ahlen stated that he would look into the issue, but that there was no other news to report.

Bus Stop Adoption: Southerland stated that he had contacted a company to obtain quotes for signage to prevent smoking and loitering in the bus shelters.

Medow asked about the bus stop projects planned by the Public Art Committee. Southerland stated that representatives from the Public Art Committee had previously attended a meeting with the TAC, but that the project had been delayed until other projects could be completed.

ADA Assessment: Planning Intern Nadjia O'Lauren presented an overview of the assessment of transit service and stops currently being performed.

## **SET FUTURE AGENDA:**

1. ADA Assessment
2. Membership and code update
3. Invitation to Tribal Planner Jeff Stump.

**Next meeting** scheduled for September 20, 2017.

**Meeting adjourned** at 3:30 p.m.

**APPROVED BY THE TAC ON THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.**

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Don Patton, Vice-Chairperson