

Escambia County Mass Transit Advisory Committee
New Office Board Chambers
July 28, 2010
3:00 pm

Advisory Committee Attendees

Jeff Overhalser
Sherri Myers
Ann Brooks
Jane Birdwell
Martin Horwit

Public

Thaddeus Cohen
Jim Hunt
Dale Long
Barbara Mayall
Jim Mayall

BCC Staff

Marilyn Wesley
Deana Stallworth
Larry Newsom

ECAT Staff

Kenneth Gordon
Carleen Hartley

WFRPC

Julia Pearsall

Public Forum:

Jim Mayall - discussion on a photo that was taken June 28, 2010 on East Olive Road of an ADA passenger in a wheelchair that was let off the bus in an unsafe location.

Ken Gordon – explained that stop was moved to a safer drop off point and drivers were informed to let passengers in wheelchairs off at stops with a level surface.

Marilyn Wesley – discussion on the FDOT making bus stops ADA accessible; the process is being implemented. The Interim County Administrator, Larry Newsom, is in the process of discussing with the Commissioners and asking for permission to hire an engineering firm. The firm will be responsible for ADA sidewalks, bus stops, recreational facilities, and county facilities.

Sherri Myers – spoke with Carey Sheppard, a civil rights attorney with the Federal Highway Administration, on the county not having a transition plan to address ADA issues and the county not having an ADA coordinator; discussion on changing policy and procedure in terms of where a bus stops when dealing with an ADA passenger.

Ken Gordon – invites Sherri Myers to ECAT to speak with the drivers so that they will have a perspective from the disabled community.

Sherri Myers – accepts invite.

Jane Birdwell – request to make ADA a standing item on the agenda.

Marilyn Wesley – she will stay in touch with Larry Newsom and keep the committee updated with the ADA compliance process.

Barbara Mayall – discussed ECAT’s website and the incident that happened on June 28th with the ADA passenger in the wheelchair.

Thaddeus Cohen – discussion on enhancing the transit system.

Ken Gordon – currently in the process of a TDP update.

Marilyn Wesley – discussion of the TDP process.

Larry Newsom – discussion on the 10-year plan and route modifications.

Martin Horwit – suggest that routes be put into the upper class communities and the hours of the downtown routes extended.

Sherri Myers – discusses economic development.

Call to Order: – Jane Birdwell

Meeting Properly Advertised: Yes – Marilyn Wesley

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting: Approval postponed (no quorum).

Agenda Items for Discussion:

Jane Birdwell – wants to refresh the Corporate Contact list at the next meeting.

Ken Gordon – states that the business survey form is currently being developed and the rider survey form is completed and was provided in the handouts with the results; Marilyn Wesley, Mary Robinson, Ken Gordon met with the President and the HR Director at Pensacola State College and it was a very productive meeting. Mrs. Robinson sent emails to each committee member on the content of the meeting.

Marilyn Wesley – update on the TDP.

Scheduling of Next Meeting: August 11, 2010 at 3:00 pm

Adjournment: @ 4:50 pm

