

MINUTES
STARTRAN ADVISORY BOARD SPECIAL MEETING
StarTran Conference Room 2
April 10, 2014

Members Present: Don Herz, Jenni Lesoing-Lucs, Jason Hellbusch, Linda Carter,
Mike DeKalb, Janet Goodman-Banks
Members Absent: Stephen Speicher
Staff Present: Mike Davis, Mike Weston, Scott Tharnish, Glenn Knust, Kitty Elliott,
Connie Thoreson

I. REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Chairman DeKalb opened the meeting, noting the Open Meetings Act and Patron Conduct Notice posted on the north wall.

A. Patrons to be Heard

None

B. Review/Action Items

- **Temporary Change to the Star Shuttle** – Mike Davis thanked the Board Members for attending the Special Meeting.

Mr. Davis stated that City staff have attended meetings with the Downtown Lincoln Association in order to discuss the growing concern about Haymarket traffic congestion and parking issues, particularly when there are events at the Pinnacle Bank Arena. City staff including the Mayor's office are investigating possible solutions to these concerns/issues, with StarTran being part of the solution.

It is proposed that StarTran operate a simplified Star Shuttle route on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings, April 17-July 12, 2014 during the hours of 6:45 p.m. to 12:14 a.m. The service would operate utilizing one bus with fifteen minute headways. The fare would be the same as the current Star Shuttle, 25¢, and bus passes will also be accepted. Persons utilizing parking garages may show their parking ticket to ride the evening shuttle services for free, to include their entire carload.

The cost for this service to operate for the approximate three month trial period is \$11,000, and will be funded with the current StarTran budget due to unanticipated fuel savings. Staff will monitor and evaluate the continuation of this evening service. If it is proposed to be continued, it will be brought before the StarTran Advisory Board again, and if approved by City Council and the Mayor, a F.Y. 14-16 budget amendment could be done at that time.

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The shuttle service is a way to help people move around downtown, alleviating some of the congestion. It is anticipated that UNL students will use this service and that it may be a viable option for some employees of the Haymarket and downtown businesses as well.

Linda Carter made a motion to approve the temporary change to the Star Shuttle to operate from April 17-July 12, 2014, from 6:45 p.m. – 12:14 a.m. on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings on the proposed simplified route. Mr. Herz seconded the motion, with a unanimous vote for the approval. (Lesoing-Lucs, Carter, DeKalb, Hellbusch, Herz, and Goodman-Banks all voted “aye”)

C. Patrons to be Heard

None

D. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2014, 8:00 a.m. in the StarTran Conference Room.