

MINUTES
STARTRAN ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
StarTran Conference Room 2
May 26, 2011

Members Present: Beatty Brasch, Mitch Paine, Kim Phelps, John Baylor

Members Absent: Kory George, Debby Brehm, Steve Speicher

Staff Present: Larry Worth, Mike Weston, Brian Praeuner

I. REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Chairman Kim Phelps, noted the Open Meetings Law, and Patron Conduct Notice posted on the north wall.

A. Patrons to be Heard

None of the non-patrons or non-staff requested an opportunity to speak at this time.

B. Review & Action Items

The Board voted unanimously to approve the April 28, 2011 StarTran Advisory Board meeting minutes, and the Promotion of the 20-Ride Discount Pass.

C. Topics for Discussion/Presentation

Mr. Phelps acknowledged that the Audit Advisory Board's final RFP for the public transit study is "on the street", with responses due on June 6, 2011. He noted that he requested, on behalf of the Board, a "final review" of the proposal before being sent out, but such request was not honored. He also observed that the emphasis of the study was significantly changed between the initial and final drafts, with the early draft emphasizing improvement of efficiencies of transit services, and with last drafts simply emphasizing the need to achieve cost reductions. Mr. Phelps felt that the TDP did not emphasize cost savings, but rather examined the system for improvements that were revenue and cost neutral. Accordingly, the current public transit study may not be as duplicative of the TDP as earlier drafts of the intended work product had appeared to be.

In response to a question, Mr. Worth indicated it was his understanding that the resultant draft report would be reviewed by the City Council. However, the City Council has had little input as of this time.

D. Operations & Planning Report

The following was noted...

- Mr. Worth noted that the AVL contract/project is nearly complete, with only financial compensations remaining. Mr. Worth recalled that, combined with some other left-over AVL-type funding there might be about \$200,000 remaining that had to be spent on AVL projects. A 3-member AVL sub-committee was agreed to be created in mid to late Summer.
- Mr. Baylor asked the status of the Active Network Program. Mr. Worth responded that no such status had been provided.
- It was noted that the Mayor's 2011-12 Budget will be released approximately June 20, 2011. The Board would like to meet after this release.
- Mr. Paine asked as to why the Vets Hospital route was included in the City Survey for potential budget cut. Mr. Worth indicated that the Vets route now had the lowest regular service route ridership.

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E. Patrons to be Heard

- Pat Schreurs indicated interest in being more involved with helping to improve StarTran services.

F. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned. The next StarTran Advisory Board meeting will be June 30, 2011.