

Oxford - University Transit Meeting 10/8/09

Members Present: Jack Howard, George Price, Donna Gurley, Carol Haney, Jim Windham

Others present: Tim Akers, Katrina Hourin, Tim Lett, Megan Taylor

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jack Howard.

The meeting agenda was approved.

The minutes for the September 18, 2008 meeting were approved and submitted.

Kick-off Ceremony

Tim Akers confirmed the October 20th start date and the October 17th kick-off ceremony date. The ceremony was confirmed to begin at 9:00am. At the time of the meeting no outside officials were confirmed to be present to speak. A representative from Thad Cochran's office was confirmed to be present.

Jim Windham gave advance apologies that many University representatives would be absent due to an IHL Board meeting. He will confirm that Dr. Gloria Kellum will be present to speak at the ceremony.

Tim Akers explained that he would be working with Megan Taylor to finalize the agenda for the ceremony as well as publish a press release.

At this time Tim Lett arrived with the bus drives. They introduced themselves to the commission.

Paratransit

It was discussed that there must be a public hearing followed by a commission vote before the paratransit service could be implemented. The public hearing will be Thursday, October 16, 2008 at 5:00pm in the City Hall Courtroom.

Tim Lett explained that the paratransit service operates during the normal service operating hours and days on the same fixed route. He highlighted the details that are outlined in the policies and procedures document. He also agreed to create a list of highlights for anyone attending the public meeting. Mr. Lett assured the commission that the policies and procedures are in full compliance with ADA regulations.

Mr. Lett notified the commission that RSVP is willing to help with the application and qualification process for ADA certification, but he was unsure of their availability to help with the actual bus service.

Tim Lett stated that an appeals committee needed to be formed to meet ADA requirements and handle and service issues that came up. It was decided that for the time being the appeals committee functions would be carried out by the Transit Commission. Tim Akers will speak to the Mayor's Committee on Disability to confirm that its committee members can rotate on an as needed basis to the appeals committee meetings.

Proposed Routes and Maps

This section of the meeting began with concerns from citizens as presented by Jack Howard. Carol Haney expressed specific concern with the southern section of the red route. Tim Lett outlined the possibility of route deviation to accommodate the areas of concern. This is a service that is done by request only upon a passenger boarding a bus. Jack Howard called for a motion.

Jim Windham made the motion to allow for route deviation on demand only. Donna Gurley seconded the motion. Jack Howard supplemented the motion by specifying that the on demand service would be to Azalea Gardens and NMRC at this time.

All voting aye, the motion was passed.

Donna Gurley made the motion to incorporate the old Wal-Mart location into the Blue Route. Carol Haney seconded the motion.

All voting aye, the motion was passed.

Jim Windham excused himself from the meeting at this time.

Tim Akers reported that the Board of Alderman approved the use of the armory for administration and operations. They also approved the transfer point on the Square for six months.

Mr. Akers also explained that schedule brochures would be produced in house for the time being.

Carole Haney made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Donna Gurley seconded the motion. With all voting yes, the meeting was adjourned.