



## **Oxford - University Transit Meeting**

### **February 8, 2012**

**Members Present:** Donna Gurley, Mike Black, Carole Haney, George Price, and Jim Windham

**Others Present:** Tim Akers, Ron Biggs, Tim Lett, Stephen Parker, Mariel Parman, Michael Brisco, William Hamilton and Shamekia Lowe

**The meeting was called to order by Chair Donna Gurley.**

***Chair Donna Gurley called for a motion to approve the agenda; the agenda was amended after item 7 to include an executive session. Commissioner Carole Haney made a motion with unanimous yeas, the agenda was approved.***

***Chair Donna Gurley called for a motion to approve the minutes for the January 11, 2012 Commission meeting; Commissioner Jim Windham made a motion and Commissioner Mike Black seconded the motion.***

#### **General Manager's Report – Ron Biggs**

- Ridership for the month of January was 24,577. Monthly revenue from passes sold was \$490.00, and the fare-box revenue was \$2,202.50 with a total of \$2,692.50
- Mr. Biggs reported that OUT has acquired two new buses from MDOT. One bus is being used on the Green line and one on the yellow line.
- Mr. Biggs reported that the purple line was started on January 28, 2012 carrying 115 passengers.

#### **Planner's Report – Tim Akers**

- Mr. Tim Akers reported information about the new bid dates to advertise which are March 13, 2012 and March 20, 2012. Have not yet received MDOT approval for the bid package but anticipates that it will be received to be able to meet the bid date deadlines.
- Mr. Akers informed the Commission that the bid is due on April 10, 2012 at that time by the April Transit Commission meeting if everything is in place a recommendation to award a contract will be presented to the Commission and then proceed to The Board of Aldermen on April 17, 2012 to award contract.
- Mr. Akers informed the Commission that four Commission members' terms have expired and wanted permission to take those members, which terms were expired before The Board of Aldermen to get the terms renewed.

#### **Discussion of Request for Service**

- Mr. Akers informed the Commission that there will be two new developments that are coming up. One will be presented to the planning commission on Monday, February 13, 2012, called The Vineyard on Old Taylor Rd. The new development wants to use transit to reduce traffic on Old Taylor Rd. The next development is called The Retreat, which will not go to the Planning Commission until March 2012. It is located on Anderson Road, west of Anchorage Road.

- Mr. Akers like to propose that anytime that there is a request for new service, the two new developments in particular, that the developers contribute to transit to help subsidize the extension of the service. He proposes that anytime that there is a request for transit for new student housing that it should be asked that the developers or applicants to contribute one third of the cost of the local share for that additional cost.

***Commissioner Haney made a motion based on receiving the appropriate approvals from The Planning Commission, The City, and The University then OUT transit would make a recommendation to extend our services out on Old Taylor Rd to the new complexes if the new developments agree to pay their one third of the local share. Commissioner Mike Black seconded.***

- Mr. Lett discussed the request for new service out on College Hill/Old Sardis Rd from the petition. Mr. Lett informed the commission that the Red line cannot serve Old Sardis road. He discussed servicing College Hill/Old Sardis with a new bus line which will use Anchorage Rd.
- Mr. Lett informed the commission that a bus cannot be stopped safely on College Hill/Old Sardis because of traffic and speed limit.
- Commissioner Price asked if we would have enough riders to justify a new line of service. Mr. Lett informed the Commissioner that the goal is to provide service to the petitioners but he is trying to figure out the correct way to provide that service.

#### **Open Discussion**

- Mariel Parman inquired about the Purple line if it was included in the budget. Mr. Lett informed that the Purple line is budgeted to run year round.

***There being no further business before the Commission, Chair Donna Gurley adjourned the meeting to go into an executive session with unanimous yeas upon a motion by Commissioner Carole Haney and seconded by Commissioner Jim Windham.***