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## **TRANSIT RIDERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES JULY 18, 2017**

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Committee Chair Gloria Lepik-Corrigan called the July 18, 2017 TRAC meeting to order at 4:02 PM. Members present: Gloria Lepik-Corrigan, John Estok, C. David Schneider, Dave Kovar, Kimberly Rankine, Teresa Dunphy, Portia Smith, Elisabeth Olden, Richard McDaniel, Mark O'Hara, Louis Romero. Members absent: Alexandra Mesa and Dave Stanton. Also present: Brad Miller, CEO; PSTA staff, and members of the public.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

### **CHAIR REPORT**

Committee Chair Lepik-Corrigan gave a brief report of June's PSTA Board meeting, which included a State Legislative update by Ron Pierce of RSA Consulting, who reported a major success of getting a budget line item on the State Legislative Agenda for the Memorial Causeway Bridge expansion to receive \$1 million for Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study. Committee Chair Lepik-Corrigan also informed the Committee of the resignations of Tanya Pistillo (Mid County) and Kevin Lai (Alternate Student). She thanked Mr. Miller for riding public transit through the month of June. The Committee watched the video clip of Fox 13 - Good Day Tampa Bay's segment with Mr. Miller about his month long commitment to riding PSTA to and from work.

### **FORWARD PINELLAS REPORT**

Mr. Kovar, our new TRAC representative on the Forward Pinellas Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC), informed the Committee that there was not an official meeting scheduled in June. Instead, the CAC gathered for an informal brainstorming session where members discussed critical issues, provided feedback, and made recommendations on how the CAC can help Forward Pinellas with present and future transit initiatives.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

June 20, 2017 Meeting Minutes – Mr. O'Hara made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schneider, to approve the June 20th minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Bus Shelter Contracts - Henry Lukasik, Director of Maintenance, gave an overview of the contracted services from Brasco International Inc. for purchasing bus shelters and with Certus Builders for shelter installation. Members asked questions related to the total number of shelters in Pinellas County, if residents and business communities in Pinellas want shelters in their vicinity, and the Shelter Match Program. Mr. Lukasik and Cassandra Borchers, Chief Development Officer, answered all questions and concerns. Ms. Olden made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rankine, to recommend approval to continue the contracts with Brasco International Inc. for the purchase of bus shelters and increase the total not to exceed limit to \$2,148,650; and with Certus Builders for installation of bus shelters and increase the total not to exceed limit to \$1,125,00. There were no public comments. The motion passed unanimously.

Regionalism Initiative Letter – Committee Chair Lepik-Corrigan presented the TRAC regionalism initiative letter that was compiled at the TRAC Workshop on June 20th. There was one typographical error and a few minor edits recommended. Mr. Kovar made a motion, seconded by Ms. Dunphy to allow Committee Chair Lepik-Corrigan to revise the letter as discussed and present it to the PSTA Board on July 26th. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

Transportation Development Plan (TDP) Progress Report – Ms. Borchers introduced Jacob Labutka, Transit Planner, who updated the Committee on PSTA's accomplishments and additional priority projects for the Ten-Year TDP. Mr. Labutka explained that the TDP and list of priority projects are required by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to be eligible to receive funding. He presented the major accomplishments to date. PSTA Staff will request approval of the 2017 TDP Progress Report in August.

## **MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mr. McDaniel reported on the Council of Neighborhood Associations (CONA ) meeting in the Disston neighborhood he attended last month, which included a discussion on bus shelters. Mr. Kovar shared his experience visiting Charlotte and Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina, and the light rail transit system he had the pleasure of riding.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

With the resignation of Tanya Pistillo, Ms. Borchers informed Ms. Smith (Mid County Alternate) that she would be recommended for the Mid County Representative pending Board consent agenda approval.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 PM. The next TRAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 15th at 4:00 PM.