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TRANSIT RIDERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TRAC) MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 14, 2018

Committee Chair Lepik-Corrigan called the August 14, 2018 TRAC meeting to order at 4:01 PM. Members present: Richard McDaniel, Gloria Lepik-Corrigan, Kim Rankine, Debra Bjorkquist, C. David Schneider, Elisabeth Olden, Sue Keating, Tim Parietti, Derek Shavor, Renee Graham, Teresa Dunphy, and Dave Kovar. Members absent: Camille Soleil and Mark O'Hara. Also present: Josh Shulman, PSTA Board Member, PSTA staff members, and members of the public.

PRESENTATION

Upon the recommendation of Pat Gerard, PSTA Board Member, Mike Twitty, Pinellas County Property Appraiser, gave a detailed presentation about proposed Florida Amendment 1, the increased homestead property tax exemption referendum for the November election. Mr. Twitty provided an overview of all the facts related to the potential impact to property owners should the referendum pass. Committee Chair Lepik-Corrigan thanked Mr. Twitty, and said this was very helpful for not only our members, but for the general public to understand the potential impact of the referendum. Mr. Twitty answered all questions from members, and he invited everyone to visit the following website for more information: www.PCPAO.org before the November 6th General Election.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

CHAIR REPORT

Committee Chair Lepik-Corrigan reported that the TRAC STAR Award presentation was featured at last month's PSTA Board meeting. Brad Miller, PSTA CEO, joined the Committee Chair in recognizing Doug Bevis, Mayor of Oldsmar, and RAM Real Estate for their effort to improve pedestrian and transit rider access to the Woodlands Square Shopping Center in Oldsmar.

FORWARD PINELLAS REPORT

Mr. Kovar said the Forward Pinellas Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) did not meet in July and August.

ACTION ITEMS

July 17, 2018 Meeting Minutes – Mr. Schneider made a motion, seconded by Ms. Olden, to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

October Service Changes – Bob Lasher, External Affairs Officer, presented the proposed plan for October service changes, and staff's recommendation to merge Routes 97 and 98 into Route 52, and introduce a Route 52LX. Mr. Lasher explained that these recommendations were based on route analysis and ridership data. If approved, the change would boost service frequency on Route 52, and streamline the redundancy of routes 97 & 98. Mr. Lasher indicated that to ensure continued service to Carillon, several runs of the Route 52 will be extended into that office complex during peak hours, so as to continue service for current Route 97 and Route 98 riders. He invited all members to attend the required Public Hearing for the October service changes following the TRAC meeting at 6:00 PM. After a brief discussion about some of the service changes, Mr. Kovar made a motion, seconded by Ms. Olden, to approve the October service changes. There were no public comments. The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

TRAC Term Limits & Application Process – Cassandra Borchers, Chief Development Officer, reviewed TRAC term limits and reminded members that they may serve up to two consecutive terms, but they must reapply between terms for approval by the PSTA Board. Ms. Borchers informed Committee Chair Lepik-Corrigan and Kim Rankine, DART representative, that they have served two-year consecutive terms and their TRAC membership expires at the end of 2018. Ms. Borchers also reminded the other members whose two-year terms expire at the end of 2018 that they must re-apply for TRAC during the annual recruitment period which is August 28th through October 2nd.

TRAC Bylaws Discussion – Ms. Borchers reviewed staff recommendations for three minor changes to the TRAC Bylaws related to terms, quorum emails, and meeting agendas. Ms. Borchers informed the members that they will vote to approve the bylaws revisions at the next TRAC meeting, then as a consent agenda item for the PSTA Board meeting on September 26th.

MEMBER COMMENTS

There were a few member comments regarding issues with the Flamingo fares from beta testers, to which Ms. Borchers said she will invite Shpresa Zenku, Manager of Revenue and Capital Projects, to an upcoming TRAC meeting to provide an update on the Flamingo new fare policy project. Mr. Kovar volunteered his speaking services to anyone who has a neighborhood association or community club that would like to learn more about walkable streets and the efforts to make our neighborhoods safe for pedestrians and bicyclists.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:29 PM. The next TRAC meeting will be held on September 18th at 4:00 PM.