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## PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES MARCH 22, 2019

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Committee Chair Gerard called the March 22, 2019 Planning Committee meeting to order at 2:40 PM. Members present: Pat Gerard and David Allbritton. Members absent: Joe Barkley, Charlie Justice, Joshua Shulman, Samantha Fenger. Also present were: Brad Miller, CEO, and PSTA staff members.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

### ACTION ITEMS

February 20th, 2019 Meeting Minutes – Since there was no quorum, the action item was deferred to the April 17th Planning Committee meeting.

### INFORMATION ITEMS

Proposed Service Adjustments – Bob Lasher, PSTA External Affairs Officer, reviewed the proposed service adjustments that are under consideration: eliminate routes 22, 58, the Safety Harbor and Dunedin/Palm Harbor Connectors, part of Route 5 and Route 16. Mr. Lasher announced there will be a PSTA Public Hearing on Wednesday, April 10th at 6:00 PM to hear public comment on the possible service reductions.

Transit Funding – Debbie Leous, PSTA Chief Financial Officer, presented an overview of the PSTA budget shortfall showing what PSTA is planning to do to offset the deficit and what the agency needs to remain fiscally sound. She reminded Committee members that PSTA is one of the most cost-effective public transit agencies in the nation; however, our customers want more frequent service and more evening and weekend service. Ms. Leous reiterated that PSTA needs more funding and more funding partners to prevent service cuts and not rely on our capital reserves. Committee members had suggestions for revising the presentation graphs to be easier to understand, as well as reviewed the options available to PSTA to obtain funds necessary to operate without a deficit.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM. The next Planning Committee meeting will be held on April 17, 2019 at 10:30 AM.