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**TRANSIT RIDERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**JANUARY 21, 2020**

Committee Chairperson Duncan Kovar called the January 21, 2020 TRAC meeting to order at 4:01 pm. Members present: Kim Rankine, Duncan Kovar, Kenneth Durham, Debra Bjorkquist, Brian Grant, Chelsea Anderson, Jovantee Blair, Ed Klumpp, Teresa Dunphy, Mary Young, Renee Graham, Andrea Baron, Roman Shurubalko, Gloria Lepik-Corrigan and Laurie Humpel. Members absent: Jayson James and Fatima Aly. Also present: Brad Miller, CEO, and PSTA staff members.

**Public Comment:**

There were no public comments.

**Chair Report:**

Committee Chairperson Kovar gave an overview of last month's Board meeting which included the election of officers, whereby Joseph Barkley was elected as the new Chairperson of the PSTA Board. Committee Chairperson Kovar also mentioned the success of the most recent PSTA Feeding Tampa Bay mobile pantry event on December 3, 2019, which helped families in need in our community. He also commended Mr. Miller for leading a coalition of Board members to Washington, DC to meet with our Legislative representatives to help secure Federal funding for our local transit initiatives.

**Forward Pinellas Report:**

Ms. Lepik-Corrigan reported that the next Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) will be held on Thursday, January 23rd. She will give a detailed update on the CAC meeting at next month's TRAC meeting.

**Action Items:**

**Approve November 19, 2019 Meeting Minutes** – Ms. Dunphy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Graham, to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

**Information Items:**

**By-Laws, Meeting Etiquette, Sunshine Law and Public Records** – Isabella Sobel, General Counsel, Bryant, Miller and Olive, presented an overview of the TRAC By-Laws, instructing members of the rules and regulations pertaining to responsibilities for meeting quorums, attendance and participation to retain their TRAC membership. Ms. Sobel reviewed the suggested meeting etiquette and rules of order to follow at TRAC meetings that are courteous, constructive and respectful. She also presented the legal requirements expected of all TRAC members to follow the Sunshine Law which governs all public open meetings in the State of Florida. Ms. Sobel explained how and when Committee members written/recorded communications and documents are “public records” and are made available to the public for inspection and copying.

**TRAC Initiatives 2020** – Nicole Dufva, Public Engagement Planner, led a discussion of what ideas and topics Committee members would like to suggest as the TRAC advocacy initiatives for 2020. Committee members suggested the following topics: Continue the TRAC STAR (Superior Transit Access Recognition) award, regional transportation for the disabled, regional transportation integration, promote public transit at condo associations, graphic maps, improving airport access, rallying public Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) support, and advancing bus technology. Ms. Dufva informed the Committee that they would receive an email of their suggested topics for review, and they will consider a vote for two initiatives as an action item at the February TRAC meeting.

**February Service Changes** – Juan Luvian, Public Engagement Planner, informed Committee members of the following Service Changes taking effect on February 2, 2020: Route 5 will no longer serve the Tyrone Gardens loop; Route 79 will no longer operate north of Roosevelt Boulevard – including 58th Street North, Whitney Road and U.S. 19 North Frontage Road; and the Central Avenue Trolley (CAT) and Suncoast Beach Trolley will have minor time adjustments.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm. The next TRAC meeting is scheduled for February 18th at 4:00 pm.