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BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MAY 25, 2022

Vice-Chairperson Driscoll called the May 25, 2022 Board meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Members present: Gina Driscoll, Vice-Chairperson; Dan Saracki, Secretary/Treasurer; Richard Bennett; Vince Cocks; Deborah Figgs-Sanders; Rene Flowers; Jeff Gow; Jim Olliver; Kathleen Peters; Jamie Robinson; Karen Seel; and Patti Reed. Members absent: Pat Gerard, David Allbritton, and Josh Shulman. Also present: Brad Miller, CEO; Nikki Day, General Counsel; PSTA staff members; and members of the public.

Presentation:

June Events – Amanda Baird, Marketing Manager, gave a presentation on upcoming events in June.

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

[Ms. Peters entered the meeting at 9:05 am.]
[Ms. Flowers entered the meeting at 9:07 am.]

Consent Agenda:

Item 4B was pulled by Ms. Seel who requested clarification on the cost of the contract. Ms. Flowers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Saracki, to approve the remaining items on the Consent Agenda. The Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda which included approval of the April 27, 2022 minutes, the Transit Infrastructure Construction contract, the Waste Management contract amendment, the Commission for Transportation Disadvantaged (TD) Grant approvals, the claim settlement, and the Board Committee appointments.

Mr. Miller, Debbie Leous, Chief Financial Officer; and Al Burns, Director of Procurement; provided more details about the Specialized Consultant Services contracts. Other questions were raised about the overall audit and discussions that take place at the Committee meetings. After discussion, Ms. Flowers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Saracki, to approve the Specialized Consultant Services contracts – Consent Agenda item 4B. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Updates:

Transit Riders Advisory Committee (TRAC) Update – Committee Chairperson, Mark O’Hara, gave an update on the May TRAC meeting.

Forward Pinellas Local Coordinating Board (LCB) Update – Ms. Reed provided information on the May meeting.

Forward Pinellas – Ms. Driscoll provided an update on the May Forward Pinellas meeting.

Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA) Update – Ms. Flowers gave an update on the April TBARTA meeting.

Action Items:

Federal Grant Program of Projects (POP) – Ms. Leous outlined the FY22 Federal Grant applications for the POP. Ms. Figgs-Sanders made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robinson, to approve the FY22 Federal POP and submitting the Federal Grant applications. There were no public comments. The motion passed unanimously.

SunRunner Rising Development Study – Cassandra Borchers, Chief Development Officer, introduced Eric Bosman from Kimley-Horn who gave a presentation on the findings and recommendations from the SunRunner Rising Development study. Questions and comments were made about affordable housing, benchmarks, real estate value, specific corridors, South Pasadena approval, and parking. After discussion, Mr. Olliver made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robinson, to approve the SunRunner Rising Development study. There were no public comments. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports and Correspondence:

Performance Updates – The report was included in the packet. Mr. Miller spoke about the diesel fuel costs and said that ridership has been very strong in the last two months, likely due to spring break.

Future Meeting Subjects:

The Board was provided with a list of upcoming meeting subjects. Mr. Miller provided information on upcoming events including the Juneteenth celebration and the Pride parade.

Other Business:

No other business was discussed.

Board Member Comments:

Ms. Figgs-Sanders and Ms. Flowers explained why they were not able to attend the May 19th Planning Committee meeting, which was due to the schedule being changed to a Thursday meeting. They both had meeting conflicts.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Vice-Chairperson Driscoll adjourned the meeting at 10:21 a.m. The next regular Board meeting is June 29, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Chairperson