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PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES
AUGUST 11, 2021

Committee Chairperson Shulman called the June 11, 2021 Planning Committee meeting to order at 10:49 am. Members present: Joshua Shulman, Vince Cocks, Rene Flowers, Deborah Figgs-Sanders, and Michael Fridovich (via Zoom). Member absent: David Allbritton. Also present: Brad Miller, CEO, and PSTA staff members.

Call to Order:

Ms. Flowers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cocks, to allow Mr. Fridovich to participate in the meeting via Zoom. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

Action Items:

Approve June 16, 2021 Meeting Minutes – Ms. Flowers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cocks, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Information Item:

Transit Development Plan (TDP) Annual Progress Report - Heather Sobush, Director of Planning, gave an annual update on the TDP. She provided background information as well as the projects that are within the plan.

FY22 Budget Update – Mr. Miller mentioned the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) funding PSTA received, as well as what other transit agencies received. He noted that the CARES funding is a one-time amount. Mr. Miller introduced Debbie Leous, Chief Financial Officer, who gave an update on the FY22 budget, which includes the labor agreement, fuel costs, Flamingo, grant revenues, and the CARES Act funding. There will be two budget Public Hearings scheduled for September 15th and 29th, both beginning at 6:00 pm. Questions and comments were made about the CARES funding, the total budget amount, electric buses, and the infrastructure budget.

Other Business:

Mr. Cocks mentioned the increase in COVID cases and whether PSTA is reducing service. Mr. Miller replied that there has been an increase in employees with COVID as well. He said PSTA is going back to partial hybrid meetings and that the mask mandate on buses and PSTA facilities is still in effect. As of right now, service has not been reduced.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am. The next Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for September 15th at 10:30 am.