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PLANNING MINUTES
JULY 20, 2022

Committee Chairperson Shulman called the July 20, 2022 Planning Committee meeting to order at 10:33 a.m. Members present: Josh Shulman, Vince Cocks, David Albritton, Rene Flowers, and Deborah Figgs-Sanders. Member absent (excused): Jim Olliver. Also present: Brad Miller, CEO; PSTA staff members, and members of the public.

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

Action Items:

June 15, 2022 Meeting Minutes – Mr. Cocks made a motion, seconded by Mr. Allbritton, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

FY23 Millage Rate – Nick Sagan, Interim Manager of Financial Planning & Analysis, outlined the annual millage rate for FY23, also known as the Truth in Millage (TRIM) notice. He said staff is recommending keeping the millage at the same current rate of 0.7500. He also mentioned the two budget public hearings in September regarding the millage rate. Ms. Flowers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Allbritton, to recommend approval of the proposed millage rate of 0.7500 to be transmitted to the Property Appraiser. The motion passed unanimously.

Shelter Deployment Plan with Engineering Design Support 2022 – B.J. Gavin, Project Engineer, and Devan Deal, Transit Planner, talked about PSTA's shelter deployment plan and staff's recommendation for an equity tool and task order with AECOM for engineering and architectural design services. Questions and comments were made about the need for shelters during inclement weather, the change in dynamics in certain locations, public safety issues, and homeless population. Mr. Gavin mentioned and explained the shelter match program where cities can contribute toward the installation of a shelter within their city. Additional discussion took place about ridership, lighting in shelters, and maintaining stops and shelters. Mr. Allbritton made a motion, seconded by Ms. Flowers, to recommend approval of the task order with AECOM. The motion passed unanimously.

Information Items:

October 2022 Service Changes – Cassandra Borchers, Chief Development Officer, gave a presentation on service changes to the Central Avenue Trolley and Route 18 effective in October 2022. She stated that although these routes will have decreased service, the new SunRunner service will provide additional service in that area.

Other Business:

No other business was discussed.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m. The next Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for August 17th at 10:30 a.m.