

Triangle Transit Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2008
Board Room, 68 T.W. Alexander Drive
Research Triangle Park, NC

Board Members Present:

Bill Bell

Jean Davis

Joe Freddoso

Alice Gordon (arr. 2:00 p.m.)

Sig Hutchinson

Jeff Merritt

Ellen Reckhow

William G. Smith

Bill Strom

Nina Szlosberg (arr. 1:15 p.m.)

Board Members Absent:

Bob Hinshaw (excused)

Kenneth Spaulding

Chair Sig Hutchinson called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m.

I. Adoption of Agenda

Action: On motion by Strom and second by Smith the agenda was adopted. The motion was carried unanimously.

II. Recognition

A. Introduction of New Hires

General Manager David King introduced the following new hires: marketing associate Amanda Hayes and Don Stancil, senior accountant. He also announced the hiring of Brian McLean, Mechanic II; and bus operators: Kaye Arori, Craig Jones, MaRhonda Liles, Doug Santo, Barrington Smith, Anna Norman and Daniel Melvin.

B. Announcement of Promotions

Kings announced David Moore's promotion from bus operator to bus operations administrative assistant.

III. Public Hearings

None.

IV. Public Comment

None.

V. Consent Agenda

Action: On motion by Merritt and second by Strom the consent agenda was adopted. The motion was carried unanimously.

The following consent agenda item was approved:

- March 26, 2008 –Regular Session Minutes;
- Disposal of surplus transit buses (Resolution 2008 0001); and
- Procedures for the disposal of surplus property (Resolution 2008 0002).

VI. Presentations

None.

VII. General Business Agenda

A. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

None.

B. Personnel Committee Report

No report.

C. Planning & Legislative Committee Report

Committee Chair Ellen Reckhow stated that the Committee approved the release of the short-range transit plan for public comment as authorized by Board.

1. Resolution Supporting Congestion Relief/Intermodal Transportation Fund Bill

Action: On motion by Reckhow and second by Freddoso the Board adopted *Resolution 2008 0003 Resolution of the Triangle Transit Board of Trustees Supporting the Proposed Congestion Relief/Intermodal Transportation Fund Bill*. The motion was carried unanimously.

Szlosberg asked that the resolution be made available for the 21st Century Transportation Committee meeting tomorrow and suggested that a copy be sent to PART and CATS for consideration by their Boards.

2. Federal Climate Change Legislation

Reckhow then referenced the letter from Triangle Transit supporting climate change legislation. Szlosberg suggested contacting the New Starts Working Group about raising its request for allocation for new public transportation investments in the climate change legislation.

Merritt requested talking points for the Triangle Chambers of Commerce Washington trip in June.

Szlosberg suggested that there is also an opportunity to discuss this issue at state level.

Action: On motion by Reckhow and second by Strom the Board ratified the letter on climate change legislation as approved by the Planning & Legislative Committee. The motion was carried unanimously.

D. Operations & Finance Committee Report

Committee Chair Jeff Merritt stated that the Committee continues to look at the upcoming budget.

1. Update on RTC Lease and Development

Merritt recognized General Counsel Gulley, who advised that a lease for office space in the Imperial Plaza Building has been signed. He said the parking lot lease for the regional transfer center with LC Industries still is in negotiation and requested that the Board authorize the General Manager to execute a lease conforming to these parameters:

- Five year term, renewal for five years at Triangle Transit's discretion;
- Triangle Transit has full responsibility for maintaining and improving the parking lot;
- Triangle Transit is responsible for property taxes (approximately \$4,700 annually); and
- Lease \$2,790 per month for the five years of the lease.

Action: On motion by Strom and second by Smith the Board authorized the General Manager to execute a lease based on the terms outlined in the agenda memorandum and noted above. The motion was carried unanimously.

2. ITRE Contract for Services in Support of the Special Transit Advisory Commission (STAC) – Second Contract Extension

Action: On motion by Merritt and second by Strom the Board adopted *Resolution 2008 0004 Resolution of the Triangle Transit Board of Trustees Authorizing the General Manager to Execute a Contract Change with the Institute for Transportation Research and Education (ITRE) for Support Services Associated with the Special Transit Advisory Committee (STAC)*. The motion was carried unanimously.

Merritt noted that the May meeting will be rescheduled to Wednesday, May 7. Strom added that the Personnel Committee meeting would be moved to that date as well.

VIII. Other Business

A. General Manager's Report

David King noted ongoing STAC work, adding that the final meeting is scheduled for Friday. He highlighted the major components of the report: a dramatic expansion of local and regional bus service; circulator service in Cary, Raleigh, Chapel Hill, Durham and the Park; a connection between the airport and the Park; and 56 miles of fixed guideway service from Duke Medical Center through downtown Raleigh to Durant Road within the railroad corridor and from Duke Medical Center to Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill. He said a half cent sales tax is being recommended to fund the work along with a \$10 increase in the vehicle registration tax. King added that prioritization of five corridors within the 56 miles of fixed guideway will be determined by the MPOs.

B. General Counsel's Report

General Counsel Wib Gulley highlighted several items from his written report.

C. Chair's Report

Board Chair Sig Hutchinson gave the following updates:

- Highlighted his trip to Nashville with the Raleigh Chamber, saying that the transit system was unimpressive with no development around the corridor.
- Thanked staff for their work with the STAC.
- The 21st Century Transportation Committee will vote on its final report tomorrow, including proposed legislation for congestion relief.
- Noted the 15th anniversary celebration of Triangle Transit prior to the meeting and thanked staff for their dedication and support.
- The annual SmartCommute Challenge kicked off. Hutchinson recognized Amy Armbruster to share several public service announcements airing now and produced internally. He said the goal is 13,500 pledges this year.

D. Board Member Reports

1. CAMPO TAC Representative

Jeff Merritt noted a copy of presentation made to the CAMPO TAC in the agenda package.

2. DCHC TAC Representative

Bill Strom stated that there were no significant items on the agenda relating to Triangle Transit.

3. Regional Transportation Alliance (RTA) Representative

No report.

4. InterCity Visit Report

Jeff Merritt noted the lack of economic development along the rail line in Nashville, but said there is interest at the end of the line, but hesitancy to do anything until the system is more established.

E. New Business

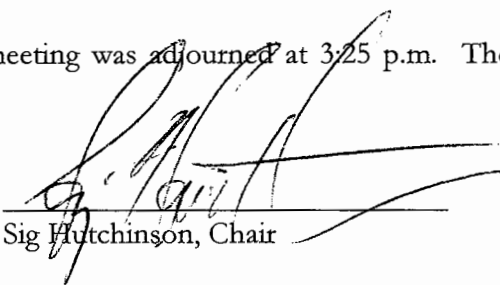
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IX. Closed Session(s)

None.

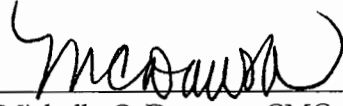
X. Adjournment

Action: On motion by Strom the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m. The motion was carried unanimously.



Sig Hutchinson, Chair

Attest:



Michelle C. Dawson, CMC
Clerk to the TTA Board