

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA TRANSIT DISTRICT ACCESSIBILITY TASK FORCE

Draft Minutes

March 22, 2012

1. Self-Introductions of Members

Members present: Janet Abelson; Jan Armigo Brown; Peter Crockwell; Mary Fowler; Randall Glock; Jim Gonsalves; Herb Hastings; Jane Lewis; Gerry Newell; Carmen Rivera-Hendrickson; Roland Wong; Hale Zukas

Members not present: Linda Drattell; David Jackson; Katrina McCurdy; Don Queen

Guests of the Public: Jerry Grace; Alan Smith; Larry Bun; Warren Cushman; Sheela Gunn-Cushman; Ray Hawthorne

Staff: Ike Nnaji; Laura Timothy

Guest Speaker(s) and Guest Staff: Sharon Kidd; Mark Smith; Jennifer Anderson; Jeff Peters; Christopher Kent; Frank Lucarelli; Margaret Henderson; Chad Smalley; Alan Wolken; Walter Gonzalez

2. Public Comments

Warren spoke of a conversation he had with a BART board member where they talked about their concerns with funding not being procured fast enough, especially in terms of accessibility issues.

He then added that he is very passionate about preserving the BART system in a state of good repair

Sheela gathered that there isn't a direct connection between the BATF and the board, and cited an example that there isn't a scheduled quarterly report to the board by the committee

Some of her concerns:

-many elevators are outside the paid area

-issues finding an escalator that moves in the direction she needs

Randall stated that they are working on doing a quarterly report with the board. He mentioned that he gave the board a verbal update at the meeting earlier that day. He added that the BATF has established a good rapport with the general manager and the board, and that Director Raburn usually attends the BATF meetings as well.

Mark Smith, BART's independent police auditor, told members that the OIPA and the CRB will be hosting a community forum to educate and inform the public about the new oversight system that BART has created for its police department. It will take place on April 24th, 2012, from 6:30pm to 8:00pm at the Allen Temple Baptist Church on International Boulevard in Oakland. All are welcome to attend.

3. Approval of Minutes of January 26, 2012 Meeting

No opposition to Jim's motion to approve minutes of the February 23, 2012 meeting, (second by Randall). Motion carries unanimously.

4. Presentation by Richmond Station Transit Village Sponsors Regarding Accessibility Issues

After the presentation, the floor was opened up for questions and concerns from members.

5. Ad-Hoc Committee Reports

A. Police Communication

This subcommittee is to be expanded and restructured (upon a motion) to include all disabilities.

This item is to be made an action item and added to next month's agenda.

B. Oakland Airport Connector Project

Carmen is working with project staff to decide on a date to meet. An information packet was passed around which contained the items presented to the board in their quarterly report.

C. Stair Tread Policy

[No discussion on this topic at this time]

6. Accessible Capital Wish List Update

Members stated that they would like to retain the old wish list as well as the new list, which is still a work in progress. If not, they would like a section on the new list that allows members to add new suggestions and comments.

Laura suggested making this topic an action item for next month's meeting to give members an opportunity to give certain items more priority on the list.

Ike voiced disappointment over the fact that the top three things on the list involved new stations, as opposed to old stations. He added that new stations should not be problem stations.

7. Status Report on the Hale Zukas Plaque

[April 18, 1:00p.m., Ceremony at Ashby Station]

Ike reported that the Media team has agreed to participate in the ceremony. He told members to give him the e-mail addresses for persons whom they are interested in inviting so that he can send them an electronic invitation to the ceremony.

8. Chairperson Announcements

Randall reminded members that they should really be focusing on ADA issues and said that the committee needs to work with a little more cohesion going forward so that issues can be voiced as a whole.

Carmen would like the committee to work on getting the board to understand their rights, which can be found in the "Transportation Rights for People with Disabilities Under the Americans with Disabilities Act."

9. Staff Announcements

Ike announced that Larry Bun and Alan Smith are now eligible to apply as members.

He reminded members that they are hoping to reform the police communication ad-hoc committee to include all disabilities.

Comments received regarding the new car design can be viewed on the BART website. Staff for this project is planning on attending the next meeting to give members an update.

He thanked Laura for the excellent job she did in coming up with the capital wish list chart.

DCARA is holding a 50th Anniversary Gala on March 24, 2012.

10. Member Announcements

Janet requested for an agenda item covering the topic of adequate signage and path of travel during seismic retrofit construction going on at BART.

11. Future Agenda Topics

- BATF input to the BART Facility Standards
- New Car Design
- Accessible Capital Wish List Update
- Police Communication Ad-Hoc Committee Report
- Stair Tread Policy Ad-Hoc Committee Report
- New Member Applications
- Discussion on Signage and Path of Travel During Seismic Retrofit Construction

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting of Thursday, April 26, 2012 at 2:30 p.m.