

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA TRANSIT DISTRICT ACCESSIBILITY TASK FORCE

Draft Minutes

September 27, 2012

1. Self-Introductions of Members

Members present: Janet Abelson; Randall Glock; Jan (Janice) Armigo-Brown; Hale Zukas; Gerry Newell; Herb Hastings; David Jackson, Jane Lewis; Katrina McCurdy; Roland Wong; Alan Smith; Larry Bunn

Members not present: Peter Crockwell; Mary Fowler; Jim Gonsalves; Don Queen; Linda Drattell; Carmen Rivera-Hendrickson

Guests of the Public: AnnaMae Stanley; Clarence Fischer; Chris Mullins; John Spangler; Armando Sandoval; Jerry Grace; Janice Hoang (Steno Captioner); Ann Smith (Sign Language Interpreter); Ari Lathuras (Sign Language Interpreter)
**[The ASL interpreters left as Linda was absent]

Staff: Bob Franklin

Guest Speaker(s), Staff and Director: Ellen Smith, Lauren Sugayan; Robert Raburn;

2. Public Comments

Clarence asked BART staff if the publishing of upcoming BART events could be done more in advance.

Bob stated that the BART Times newsletter is put up on the BART.gov website immediately after it's published.

John told members of a meeting between Randall, Director Raburn, David Favello and himself wherein they discussed a number of issues that are of a mutual interest to the BART Accessibility Task Force.

3. Approval of Minutes of August 23, 2012 Meeting

No opposition to Alan's motion to approve minutes of the August 23, 2012 meeting, (second by Janet). Motion carries with one abstention by Herb.

4. e-BART

Expected launch date: December 2016

Alan told Ellen that the committee is interested in looking at the detailed design plans of the Hillcrest station and pathways.

Roland asked if it were possible to install more than one accessible fare gate within the station. Ellen replied that she would ask the engineers if that were possible.

5. Federal Transportation Authority (FTA) Assessment Report

No action taken at this time.

Randall will e-mail a copy of this report to members. He asked that members look it over so that the BATF can either make suggestions or move it forward through the committee.

6. BATF Election of Officers

Nominations for chair: Randall

Nominations for vice-chair: Herb; Alan

No opposition to Gerry's motion to approve the election of Randall as chair, (second by Alan). Motion carries with one abstention by Randall. Randall accepts the position of chair.

The vote was in favor of Alan Smith.

Randall will remain the BATF chair, and Alan is now the vice-chair.

7. Discussion of Vice-Chair Responsibilities

The responsibilities of the vice-chairperson (as suggested by Randall):

- Prepare a written report to BART Board of Directors
- Review the meeting minutes and revise, if necessary
- Prepare minutes of ad hoc committee meetings at which the vice-chair is present.

Gerry is of the opinion that the bylaws should not be changed.

No opposition to Herb's motion to accept the responsibilities of the vice-chairperson, as discussed, (second by Roland). Motion carries unanimously.

8. Members' Attendance Requirements

http://www.bart.gov/docs/BATF_Task_Force_Bylaws.pdf

The bylaws state that there is no provision for excused absences.

Janet pointed out that it is the staff liaison's responsibility, not the chairperson's, and that Randall should not have received criticism for not following the bylaws with regards to members' attendance.

She feels that there is no need to change the bylaws, and for the members who have not been present, there is nothing that says they cannot reapply.

David agreed with Janet, saying that members who are not able to be present on a consistent basis should come back and reapply when they are better able to.

Alan added that their input is still valuable as members of the public.

Randall said that it is frustrating because the people who need to be present to hear this discussion are not present.

Roland suggested the use of teleconferencing.

AnnaMae mentioned that she does not believe that the use of teleconferencing is a violation of the Brown Act, but rather an accommodation under the ADA for members in service of this committee.

Alan moved that staff communicate to the members who have been absent that their membership is subject to termination, that this item will come back to discussion at the next meeting, and at which time recommendations can be made to the board regarding termination, (second by Gerry). Motion carries with one abstention by Randall.

9. Ad-Hoc Committee Reports

Oakland Airport Connector Project:

The next meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, November 7, 2012. It will take place at the Ed Roberts Campus, World Institute on Disability, Suite 280, from 1:00pm to 3:00pm.

New Car Design

Randall has e-mailed a draft report of this item to members. Members are to review it so as to have better discussion at the next meeting, where this item will be on the agenda.

Aaron Weinstein plans to attend the next BATF meeting.

Stair Tread Policy:

The ad-hoc committee toured the MacArthur, El Cerrito Plaza, Ashby, and Lake Merritt stations before the BATF meeting today.

Thermoplastic will be used for the stairs as the current taping does not work as well. The striping will also be bright yellow.

Staff will also look into power-washing the staircases periodically, as the striping tends to get dirty and loses its contrast.

The next meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, October 11, 2012.

(Due to no response from staff, this meeting has since been canceled.)

General Disabilities Awareness

Chief Rainey has asked to be at the next BATF meeting.

Bikes on BART

This item will be an agenda topic at the next BATF meeting.

10. Follow-up on BATF member stipend on Clipper card

Larry stated that his stipend does not fit his current situation, as he has to take a bus from his home to Union City station, and then get on BART. He oftentimes has to pay out-of-pocket for his travel to and from meetings.

Herb feels that the stipend should be put on members' RTC cards. He added that it is not fair that a member should pay out of pocket while they wait three months for their next stipend to be added to their BATF-issued Clipper card. Members also meet at other times, like ad-hoc committee meetings or station tours, etc., and he feels they should be reimbursed for those as well.

Alan mentioned that between the months of June and August, he attended 16 separate meetings outside of the BATF meetings.

Jane stated that she initially received \$45 on her Clipper card, and has not seen any more money put on it ever since.

Clarence suggested that staff provide members with a limited travel pass, where members can use such pass on days of intended meetings.

Director Raburn suggested that the correct terminology that should be used is "travel reimbursement," not "stipend."

Alan suggested rewording the next agenda for it say "travel reimbursement" instead of "stipend," as mentioned by Director Raburn.

No opposition to Herb's motion to table this discussion until the next meeting, (second by Alan). Motion carries with one abstention by Randall.

11. Chairperson Announcements

The October meeting will take place at the regularly scheduled time and place.

The November meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 14th, at the regular location, at 2:30 pm.

The December meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 12th, at 300 Lakeside Drive, 16th Floor, in Oakland, at 2:30 pm.

The January 2013 meeting will take place at the regularly scheduled time and place.

12. Staff Announcements

[No staff announcements]

13. Member Announcements

[No member announcements]

14. Future Agenda Topics

- Warm Springs Update
- Discussion of annual goals of the BATF
- BATF to start setting goals
- Fleet of the Future Update by Aaron Weinstein
- General Disabilities Awareness Discussion with Chief Rainey
- Stair Tread Policy Ad-Hoc Committee Report
- Bikes on BART

15. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting of Thursday, October 25, 2012, 2:30 p.m.