

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA TRANSIT DISTRICT ACCESSIBILITY TASK FORCE

Minutes

October 25, 2012

1. Self-Introductions of Members

Members present: Janet Abelson; Randall Glock; Jan (Janice) Armigo-Brown; Peter Crockwell; Mary Fowler; Jim Gonsalves; Don Queen; Hale Zukas; Linda Drattell; Gerry Newell; Herb Hastings; David Jackson, Jane Lewis; Katrina McCurdy; Roland Wong; Alan Smith; Larry Bunn

Members not present: Carmen Rivera-Hendrickson

Guests of the Public: AnnaMae Stanley; Clarence Fischer; Maureen Powers; Janice Hoang (Steno Captioner);

Staff: Bob Franklin; Ike Nnaji

Speaker(s), Staff and Directors: Robert Raburn; Chief Rainey; Lauren Sugayan; Frank Welte; Mark Smith; Kobia West

2. Public Comments

Frank Welte, a representative from Lighthouse for the Blind, brought copies of the latest version of the BART strip maps for members to look over.

He stated that the development of the tactile maps for the BART tactile map project is ongoing, and that they are currently in the phase of correcting any errors in the initial prototype maps.

He added that the strip map project is being funded by an MTC grant, which specifically covers providing materials

He shared that any feedback is welcomed, whether it be identifying changes or errors, so that the strip maps can be updated and be kept current.

Linda Drattell spoke during the "Public Comments" part of the agenda.

She shared with members that because she has taken on a new position at DCARA (Deaf Counseling, Advocacy & Referral Agency), it has caused her to miss many meetings. She apologized as she feels that the task force deserves someone who can be more committed, and that she is just not the right person at the moment. She expressed that she would like to stay connected to the task force and would still like to attend meetings periodically.

AnnaMae Stanley gave recognition to BART police as she felt that they did a good job in maintaining order and dealing with traffic after the Cal/Stanford game.

3. Approval of Minutes of September 27, 2012 Meeting

[Amendment: All future minutes shall reflect a person's first AND last name throughout the minutes, whenever mentioned.]

No opposition to Gerry Newell's motion to approve minutes of the September 27, 2012 meeting, as amended, (second by Katrina McCurdy). Motion carries with abstentions by Peter Crockwell and Don Queen.

4. Police Disability Awareness

Chief Rainey gave recognition to the individuals who helped in preparing the training booklet that is currently being used with all new personnel.

The following members were presented with certificates of recognition:

- Linda Drattell
- Gerry Newell
- Larry Bunn
- Janet Abelson
- Janice Brown
- Herb Hastings

Janice Armigo-Brown mentioned some of the key points to be addressed in the training bulletin, and they were:

- How to approach and physically assist a rider who is blind, for example, in a safety situation, if they are injured or apprehended
- How to spot and gain the trust of someone with a hidden disability, such as someone who is hard of hearing or has a cognitive disability, in an emergency situation
- How to engage in conversation if a rider is autistic

She added that there is a "Tips" section that provides more information on each of those key points.

Lauren Sugayan will be sending out an electronic version for members to review, and encouraged everyone to review it and to provide any input or feedback they may have to either Randall or Ike or her.

5. Capital Improvement Priority List

[No action taken at this time.]

Director Robert Raburn urged members that as an organization, they should develop a strong list of priorities. He added that members should also take into consideration how many different groups each priority appeals to.

Clarence Fischer suggested that the list also provide an estimated cost for each project, so that members can better prioritize the list.

Alan Smith suggested that the prioritization of items on this list be worked on during the agenda planning meeting with Randall, himself and staff.

6. Bikes on BART

[No update at this time; staff unable to attend meeting]

7. Members' Attendance Requirements (action)

No opposition to Herb Hastings' motion to table this item until the next meeting, (second by Jim Gonsalves). Motion carries.

David Jackson proposed to make a motion to address this topic as the first topic of discussion on the agenda for the next meeting, (second by Gerry Newell). No vote taken.

No opposition to Janet Abelson's motion to form an ad hoc committee regarding this topic, (second by Gerry Newell). Motion carries.

8. Ad-Hoc Committee Reports

Oakland Airport Connector Project:

[Meeting scheduled to take place on Wednesday, November 7th at 1:00pm, Ed Roberts Campus.

Stair Tread Color Contrast Project:

[Meeting scheduled to take place on Thursday, November 8th at 1:30pm, 300 Lakeside Dr., Oakland. Randall requested members meet in the lobby at 1:15 so the members could go up to the meeting as a group.

Warm Springs Project

[Report to be given to members at the November 14th meeting.]

eBART Project

Alan Smith clarified some of the details regarding transferring to the eBART train. He stated that the eBART platform is not located exactly adjacent to, but beyond the Pittsburg/Bay Point Station, and riders interested in transferring have to stay on the train and travel another 3,400 feet to the eBART platform in order to do so.

9. Travel Reimbursement

Larry Bunn stated that ever since being appointed as member, he has only seen \$15 put on his card. He added that it costs approximately \$12 for him to come to each meeting on BART alone.

Jane Lewis said that there was a value of \$45 on her card upon first receiving it, but no value has been added on since.

Director Robert Raburn said it seems that a \$15 reimbursement would be fair if it were applied for all meetings, including ad-hoc committee meetings, and if it were provided in a timely manner.

Randall Glock urged members to write a letter to him or Ike Nnaji or Bob Franklin if the current process of travel reimbursement does not work for them.

10. Chairperson Announcements

[No chairperson announcements.]

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