

The Wichita Transit Advisory Board met in regular session.**Present:**

Shannon Bohm, Troy Bruun, Matt Byrum, Darryl Kelly, Dorsha Kirksey, Michael Loop, Cat McMurray, and Greg Schneider

Absent:

LeAnna Beat, Jason Gregory, Moji Rosson

1. Opening

Director Tann called the regular meeting of the Wichita Transit Advisory Board to order at 10:02 a.m. on February 19, 2020 in regular session. Director requested a member to act as chair due to Chair Rosson's absence. Member Loop volunteered.

2. Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes tabled, as there is no quorum at this time.

3. Public Comment

Request made to review the accessibility of the bus stop at Greenway Park Apartments.

4. Discussion Items**a. Board Roles and Responsibilities**

Director Tann recapped the January discussion regarding an advisory board vs being an authority. Minimal discussion continued.

5. Approval of Minutes

Member Loop entertained motion to approve minutes. Motion made by Member Bruun to approve minutes. Motion seconded by Member Kelly. Board unanimously approved January minutes.

6. Action Items**a. Micro Transit**

Scott Wadle introduced the TransLoc team to board members. TransLoc provided presentation regarding the upcoming demand response pilot. This service is not to replace the fixed route system, only here to provide solution for gaps. This pilot six-month pilot will be funded by Hyatt funds and expand on the Westside Feeder that is already integrated into the current demand response service. Cutaway

paratransit vans will be used to provide this service. Live demo conducted.

Director Tann requested board recommendation to move forward with pilot. Member Loop entertained motion. Motion made and seconded. Recommendation approved unanimously.

b. Veteran's Ride Free

Director Tann provided description regarding the partnership with Veterans Affairs (VA) and the United Way. The VA secured \$10,000 seed money to subsidize a one-year pilot program for all veterans to ride fixed route free. Nate Hinkel provided a presentation. VA rep Suzanne Jenkins and United Way rep Luella Sanders provided additional information to board members. This program will reduce the barrier for veterans to access daily needs and resources. It will also increase employment opportunities for veterans allowing them to become self-sustaining.

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7. Information Items

a. Marketing Report

Nate Hinkel reviewed the marketing report providing updates on social media encounters, current focus and upcoming community involvement.

b. Transportation Department Report

Scott Wadle presented the parking and multi-modal report.

c. Director's Report

Director Tann presented the Director's report. Staff is currently working on the 2021 budget. Proterra buses are currently on routes. The CCW electric buses that will replace the trollies should arrive in mid-April but will be May before they are on the streets.

8. Other Business

None.

9. Announcements

None.

10. Meeting adjourned at 11:22 AM.