

Helena Transportation Advisory Council
Helena Area Transit Service
1415 N. MT Ave.
July 16, 2013
3:00 PM

Members present: Vivian Crabtree (Chair), Cindy Baril (Vice Chair), Steve Larson (HATS), Matthew Cramer (SAVE), Les Clark (MILP), Walter Hanley (RMDC), Lloyd Sparks (MILP), and Bob Allen (Citizen at large).
Conference Phone: Judy Harris (Citizen at large), and Rachel Peura (ADA Committee City of Helena).

Introductions: The meeting started with introductions.

Approval of minutes:

Rachel Peura made a motion to accept the minutes from June, and was seconded by Walter Hanley. The minutes for June, were accepted by majority.

Old Business:

- a. 5 year Transit Plan Update
- b. East Valley Bus Service

Steve talked about the Transit Plan Update. He said Lisa Ballard, of Current Transportation Solutions, is working on changes and questions the City Commission had. The revised/corrected draft tentatively scheduled presented back to the Commission for approval August 19th, with the final City Commission acceptance of the plan – September 9, 2013.

Steve told the group, the Lewis and Clark County Commission want to change the East Valley Bus Service to a Commuter Route from Helena to East Helena. The bus will only service the route from Helena to East Helena and return. This change is based on the limitation of the current funding.

Ridership update: The total ridership for June was 6,524. Breakdown – East Valley 1,160, Head Start 0, HATS Checkpoint 2,514, HATS Curb to Curb 2,612, Rec-connect 238.

New Business:

- a. Leadership Elections - Tabled from April's meeting
- b. Elizabeth Andrews – (next month)
- c. T4America/CTAA County Grant
- d. L&C County Senior Transportation funds.

Steve said there still have been no new nominations turned in. Elections are still tabled.

Concerning Elizabeth Andrews, she requested to postpone until next month's meeting.

T4America/CTAA County Grant, Vivian Crabtree told the group – she has been in contact with Laura Erickson, who will be sending out a RFP. Laura will put together proposals and meet with a small group to discuss the plans of the grant.

L&C County Senior Transportation fund, Steve said in the past, HATS was able to claim monies that came from the senior portion of the County Mill levy as match money. The money would then be passed on to RMDC. The State of Montana Department of Transportation is no longer comfortable with the current HATS/RMDC MOU and will not let the funds be claimed. The City of Helena and RMDC are working on a new MOU that will be acceptable by MDT. We have put together a draft that will be reviewed by the State. We haven't changed anything we were doing; it was more an interpretation/agreement of the MOU the MDT is no longer comfortable with.

Next meeting: Proposed date – August 20, 2013 at 3:00 P.M. in the HATS meeting room.
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