

Transit Meeting  
September 9, 2019  
Minutes

Present; Mr. Rick Blake(Chairman), Mr. Steve Willis, Mr. Gordon Geiger, Ms. Sue Kunkel and Brad Brummond – Transit Administrator

1) Call to order 4:00pm

2) Public Comment: Brad -Tony Kusserow has resigned from the Transit Commission and will forward his letter of resignation to the Mayor.

Sue – It was nice to see the bus at Community Night Out event there was a good turn out there. Brad - The bus was used for testing of Service dogs for their AKC Urban testing all dogs passed the testing.

3) Approval of August 19, 2019 minutes

A motion to approve minutes of the August 19, 2019 meeting was made by Sue Kunkel and seconded by Steve Willis. All ayes, motion approved unanimously.

4) Administrator's Report:

A) New Bus Progress

- a. Purchase Order was placed for the new buses
- b. Viewed picture of seat options that would fit both the comfort and maintenance issue – Cost to be determined
- c. Painting will cost less and last longer than a wrap
- d. No insurance discount if the bus has a fire suppression system
- e. Discussion of Budget items - challenges and options
  - i. Attracting new riders
  - ii. Lose of current riders
  - iii. Rebranding
  - iv. Adding cell phone charges and internet to the buses
- f. Final decisions and changes to quote to be made during the pre-production meeting to be held 8-10 months before production.

B) Part Time Driver Position

- a. Cliff Baker training will be complete and he will be driving alone starting September 12. He seems to be doing very good at this point..

C) Merrill – Go – Round Facebook page

- a. Discussion of Creating a Facebook page
  - i. Would be only for informational purposes – Good Idea
  - ii. Maintained by staff of the Merrill Transit System
  - iii. Check with Dustin to see if way to block comments

5) Next meeting date will be October 21, 2019

6) Motion to adjourn was made by Sue Kunkel and seconded by Gordon Geiger. All ayes, motion approved unanimously

Respectfully submitted by:

Brad Brummond  
Transit Administrator