

**MAPLE GROVE TRANSIT COMMISSION**  
**City of Maple Grove**  
**Meeting of May 28, 2013**

**AMENDED MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Terry Coss, Jaime Renner, Teri Anderson, Mandy Knudsen, ~~and Mark Davison~~.

**Members Absent:** Mark Davison.

**Also Present:** Mike Opatz - City of Maple Grove, Doyne Parson-Metro Transit, Demetairs Bell-Metro Transit, Bill Patten-Midwest Paratransit, and students from Maple Grove Senior High Emily Schwen and Jordan Williams

**Call to Order**

Transit Commission Chair Terry Coss called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Open Forum**

No one from the public spoke during the open forum.

**Approve Minutes**

Chair Terry Coss called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from January 29, 2013. Teri Anderson made the motion, Jaime Renner seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

**Presentation of 2013 Maple Grove Transit Awards**

Opatz thanked the drivers for coming. Opatz explained that there is a criteria for receiving the award consisting of number of nominations/recognitions.

Present to receive their awards were Carmilla Peterson, Morley Lehrer, and Thomas Noland. Other recipients who were unable to attend are Carol Arthur, Bridget McAroy, and Richard Knight.

**Discussion of Routes and Statistics**

Opatz reviewed the daily ridership statistics for May, 2013 and stated that the monthly numbers would be e-mailed out to the Commission.

The Commissioner's had the following reports:

- Teri Anderson – the stop lights across from Redstone are not set properly. Main street gets the red light and does not let anyone leave the lots. Poor timing. Opatz stated he will talk to the traffic engineer.
- Mandy Knudsen – Route 780 operations are going well.
- Jaime Renner – Route 785 running smoothly. Within the last 3 weeks, there was an accident in the parking lot. Are there speed limit signs?
- Terry Coss – Route 783 no issues with the route. New drivers are still learning the route. Metro Transit and Southwest Transit buses are blocking the intersection at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Marquette.

Discussion took place regarding the crowded bus at 2:20 p.m. on Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> before the Memorial Day Weekend. Chair Terry Coss stated that there should be consideration of adding a 2<sup>nd</sup> bus in the afternoon. Demetrius stated that he will watch the 2:20 p.m. bus capacity on the Friday before holiday weekends, especially Memorial and Labor Day. A second bus will be added when needed.

### **Update on Phase 2 of Parkway Station**

Opatz reported that the project is coming together nicely. The contract will be executed by the end of June. Below is a brief overview of the project:

- Phase 2 of Parkway Station involves expanding an existing 501-stall surface park-and-ride lot by constructing 298 additional parking stalls of structured parking for a total of 799 stalls at this site. The concrete parking ramp will be constructed using the post-tensioned cast-in-place method. The footings and foundation for the parking ramp were installed in Phase one, which will greatly shorten the construction period. This project will be ready for starting construction the first 2 weeks of July, 2013.
- These expansion stalls would cover about 2/3 of the existing surface parking area.
- Flier will be going out the week of June 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- The City has been working with owners of the The Grove shopping center to use the empty lots between Slumberland and Target as a temporary park-and-ride while Phase 2 is being constructed.

### **Review Potential Bus Detours Due to Road Construction**

Opatz stated the following road construction projects will be impacting the bus routes: Zachary Lane, Elm Creek Boulevard, and I-694 from 35W to Hwy 100.

Opatz said that there is not much information from the Hennepin County engineers at this time.

Colleen Swann of Metro Transit is getting good information. At this time, there is no plan to adjust the trip schedules due to not much information is available. Opatz will get more details as they become available and update the Transit Commission.

Chair Terry Coss asked if there is a detour, can the bus drivers communicate to the riders so they stay informed.

Opatz discussed the Zachary Lane project and handed out a flier to the commissioners.

**Adjourn / Next Meeting**

- Next Scheduled Regular Meeting is Tuesday, July 30, 2013
- Being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.
- Minutes submitted by Kim Greninger, Secretary and Mike Opatz, Transit Administrator.