

MAPLE GROVE TRANSIT COMMISSION
City of Maple Grove
Meeting of January 28, 2020

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Teri Anderson, Yolanda Brantley, Claudia Hames Newman, Matt Nelson and Mary St. Marie.

Members Absent: Dave Moline

Also Present: Mike Opatz - City of Maple Grove, Bobby Andress-Metro Transit, Brian Hanson-Metro Transit, Robert Brevig-Metro Transit and Bill Patten-Midwest Paratransit Services.

Call to Order

Transit Commission Chair Teri Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

Approve Minutes

The minutes of the November 26, 2019 meeting were approved.

Boards and Commission Ethics Training.

City Attorney Justin Templin provided ethics training for the Transit Commissions members. A hard copy of the presentation was distributed to all attendees.

Oath of Office

Teri Anderson took the oath of office being she was reappointed to the Transit Commission for another two-year term.

Discussion of Routes and Statistics

Opatz reviewed the most recent daily ridership and monthly ridership summaries. Also, Opatz reviewed the 2019 yearend ridership report.

The Commissioners had the following reports:

- Teri Anderson – Reviewed the morning a wheelchair rider experienced a broken seat on an articulated bus in the disabled seating area. The rider was accommodated in the other disabled seating location. Opatz noted the matter was reported and the seat fixed.
- Matt Nelson – Route 785 ridership is increasing, but riders have been acting quite civil at the station and on the buses.
- Mary St. Marie – The Route 781 also is experiencing crowded buses on a more frequent basis.

- Claudia Hames Newman – The NexTrip sign on 2nd and 4th is still not working.
- Dave Moline – Absent.
- Yolanda Brantley – The temporary bus stop location on 3rd Street at 1st Avenue North is creepy and it is very hard to see the buses without leaning into traffic. Buses seem to barely stop here. .

Nominations of Distinguished Service Awards

Commission reviewed and approved the award nominations as presented by Opatz. The awards will be presented at the March 31, 2020 meeting.

Service Changes for March 2020

Opatz reviewed the service changes effective on March 16, 2020. This includes new reverse commute service on the Route 781 and expanded MY RIDE service. Both changes are designed to focus on local work force transportation needs.

Adjourn / Next Meeting

- Next Scheduled Regular Meeting: March 31, 2020
- Being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.
- Minutes submitted by Mike Opatz, Transit Administrator.