

City of Gainesville

City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - Final

May 25, 2022

5:30 PM

RTS Admin Bldg

Regional Transit System Advisory Board

Elizabeth Hauck (Member)

Barbara Scott (Member)

Christy Haven (Member)

Harrison Scoville (Member)

Daniel Clifft (Member)

Andre Soucy (Member)

Adam Livay (Member)

Logan Ladnyk (Member)

Oscar Santiago Perez (Student Member)

If you have a disability and need an accommodation in order to participate in this meeting, please contact the Office of Equity and Inclusion at (352) 334-5051 at least two business days in advance. TTY (Text Telephone Telecommunication Device) users please call 711 (Florida Relay Service). For Speech to Speech (STS) relay, please call 1-877-955-5334. For STS Spanish to Spanish relay, please call 1-877-955-8773. For STS Spanish to English relay, please call 1-844-463-9710.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:40pm by Chairperson Harrison Scoville. A quorum was established.

ROLL CALL

Present: Logan Ladnyk, Adam Livay, Oscar Santiago Perez, Barbara Scott, Harrison Scoville, Andre Soucy

Absent: Daniel Clifft, Elizabeth Hauck, Christy Haven

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Adam Livay motioned that the agenda be approved.

Seconded by Barbara Scott. The agenda was approved by Unanimous Consent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Adam Livay motioned that the Minutes of the March 23, 2022 be approved.

Seconded by Barbara Scott. The minutes were approved by Unanimous Consent.

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

App Update: One city commissioner is still not happy with the functionality of the new RideRTS app. RTS leadership explained the options again, which are unchanged since the March 23, meeting. It's possible to implement a different app for a lot of money, both initially and annually, as well as more time spent programming, but the end result would not be substantially better. It seems more practical to give Clever Devices more time to add functionality and some cosmetic gloss to the current product. RTS leadership will go back to commission in July to discuss further the ongoing costs involved in the options.

Fall Service Changes: With (55) operator vacancies at RTS, some changes were proposed to maximize service coverage. One route in particular, RT 27, presented a challenge with two options. Director Gomez asked the board members to consider both options and make a recommendation that he can relay to the commission when the topic is addressed again. Option 1 is to make a loop and cover a larger area. Option 2 is to reverse direction and back-track the same route, favoring frequency of service over area covered. The members debated the pros and cons of each options.

- Adam Livay motioned that RT 27 observe Option 2, favoring frequency of service.
- Logan Ladynk seconded the motion.

All members were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

211133.

Regional Transit System Advisory Board Staff Updates (NB)

RTS Staff updated the board members on recent matters related to ADA Transit Services, Customer Service, Marketing and Planning.

Driver shortages continue to plague the paratransit service. Some alternate measures are being taken, such as stopping service at 6:00pm, just to preserve a basic schedule.

Now that summer service is underway, so is operator training. Customer Service Manager Patti Wiggs noted that trends improve as training helps operators make fewer mistakes.

The Marketing Section released a new, limited-print bus schedule to test some ideas on formatting and content. Samples were circulated to the board members to share with friends and family. All feedback is welcome; contact Tom Idoyaga at RTS.

The Planning Section is managing reports due this fall to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), specifically Title VI (...DOT Title VI regulations at 49 CFR part 21, which prohibit discrimination based on race, color, or national origin in federally funded programs, including public transportation) and the Transportation Development Plan (TDP) reports. Planning personnel also announced that amenities (bus stop improvements) are the focus in the coming year.

RECOMMENDATION

The Regional Transit System Advisory Board receive the update from staff.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No citizens were present at the meeting.

MEMBER COMMENT

Chairperson Harrison Scoville commented that he contacted Commission Ward, following-up again on a letter sent to commission on February 9, 2021, about removing Corrine Brown's name from the sign in front of the RTS Administration Building. Mr. Scoville stated that Commissioner Ward did not seem inclined to change the sign, nor did he seem interested in discussing the situation further.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 27, at 5:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairperson Harrison Scoville adjourned the meeting at 6:45pm.