

LAKELAND AREA MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
JUNE 8, 2011

Directors:

City of Lakeland Commissioner Don Selvage (Chairman)
Polk County Commissioner Bob English (Vice-Chairman)
City of Lakeland Commissioner Glenn Higgins (Secretary)
City of Lakeland Mayor Gow Fields
Polk County Commissioner Sam Johnson

Interim Executive Director: Dean Kirkland-McMillan
Attorney: Ben Darby and Ed McKenna
Executive Assistant: Aimee DeMasi

Call to Order

9:07 a.m. by Vice-Chairman Bob English

Roll Call

Present

Commissioner English
Mayor Fields
Commissioner Higgins
Commissioner Johnson

Excused

Commissioner Selvage

(Exhibit 1)

Agenda Item #1 – Proposed Route Changes

Items discussed:

- Reviewed Route changes that were presented at a previous Board meeting and at public workshops. *(Exhibit 2)*
- Reviewed changes that were made based on citizen responses during public workshops. *(Exhibit 3)*
- Staff will be revisiting the proposed Route 3 to try to incorporate North Florida Avenue.
- Reviewed how the bus stops are eliminated. No final count as to how many stops will be eliminated.
- All stops need to be ADA complaint, Staff is working on a plan to submit to FDOT on bringing those stops up to code.
- Restructuring will result in a cost savings and improved on-time performance.
- FDOT submitted a grant for \$250,000, on the District's behalf, to assist with bring bus stops up to ADA compliance.

Agenda Item #2 – Public Comments

Jim Raybarg – 250 Canterwood Ln, Mulberry

- Son is a Handy Bus customer and was informed that service will no longer be available because they reside outside of the District.

- Before moving to a new residence the District sent a supervisor to evaluate the location and was approved to receive service.
- Would like to be grandfathered in and allowed to continue to receive service.
 - District will need to research what the previous actions have been and what can legally be done. Legal counsel will make final determination as to whether service can be provided.
 - Polk County Transit Service may be able to provide service.

Dorothy Saunders – North Florida Avenue, Lakeland

- Proposed Route 3 – would like to have it come down North Florida Avenue on its way to the terminal.
 - Staff will be revisiting that route to determine whether that is possible.

Handy Bus customer – no name or address given

- Has tried repeatedly to be approved for Handy Bus service but has yet to be approved.
 - Staff will assist her with the approval process.
 - Staff will also work with Polk County to provide better customer service for individuals going through the approval process.

Carlos Johnson – 814 Azeola St., Lakeland

- Sanitation of the buses is very poor.

Diane Eunts – 34 Bonny Shores Dr., Lakeland

- Concerns regarding proposed Route 58 not servicing areas around Southeastern University.
 - Staff is revisiting those routes to determine what changes can be made to service that area.

Cynthia Shaw – resident of Auburndale

- Will there be any changes with the current Route 12 – Connector.
 - No changes are currently planned. However, both LAMTD and WHAT staff's are looking into possible improvements.

Dean Slaughter – Southeastern University representative

- Reviewed improvements made by the University that were deemed necessary by both the City of Lakeland and the University to be public transit friendly.
- Strongly encourage District Staff to revise the bus service to that area.
 - Staff will be revisiting how to service this area.

Agenda Item #3 – Adoption of Route Changes

On a motion made by Mayor Fields, and seconded by Commissioner Higgins:

“Approval of Route Changes Effective July 11, 2011, to include the revisions made to Routes 10, 15, and 45 and review of inbound changes to Routes 52 to address North

- WHAT Policy Board is being disbanded, the replacement Board being considered to take over their responsibility is the PTA.

Interim Executive Director Report

- Attorney Ed McKenna updated the Board on Union activities.
 - May 24th Union petition was filed.
 - 65 cards were signed out of the 102 eligible to be signed.
- Charts were distributed in the packet. *(Exhibit 7)*

Agenda Item #9 – Other Business

No further business was brought before the Board.

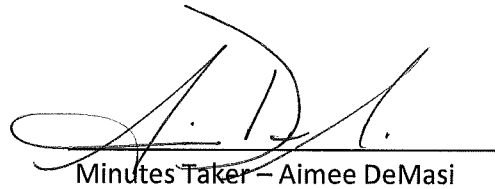
Adjournment

11:20 a.m.

Approved this 13th day of July, 20 11.


Chairman – Commissioner Selvage

(Acronyms – Exhibit 8)


Minutes Taker – Aimee DeMasi