

TAC Meeting Minutes
January 3, 2008
10:00 a.m.

Meeting called to order by Chairman John Harris.

Invocation: Eddie Sanders did the pray and led the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call:

Present: Birmingham – Joe Ann Askew, James E. Carroll, John Harris, John Carroll Meehan, Fairfield – Butch Ferrell; Mountain Brook – Burton McDonald; Tarrant – Eddie Sanders; Bessemer – Rosie Harris, Vestavia Hills – Judy Gordon

Staff Liaison – Debra Anderson-Burse

Guest: Kaydee Erdreich-Breman

Absent: Birmingham – Earline Grant Bell, Robert Christian, James Clark (personal business), Russell Dunlap, Lee Loder, Robin Williams; Irondale - Bobby Joe Wilson; Thurman Robertson, Herb Patterson

A quorum was present.

Adoption of agenda: Eddie Sanders made a motion to the adopt agenda. Motion seconded by Joe Ann Askew. Motion carried.

Adoption of minutes: December meeting minutes were read with the following correction, on page 2-funding for TAC should be BJCTA. No other corrections noted. Motion made to approve minutes by Ms. Harris and seconded by Mr. Sanders. Motion passed. November minutes not ready will be read at February's meeting.

Communications from MAX board: Mrs. Anderson-Burse made the report. Monies from the sales tax that is being collected with buy new buses. In addition that is strong interest in having a streetcar route. Plans are being formulated for the streetcars and will be presented to the mayor. This an aggressive purchase, hopefully this will standardize our fleet so that we don't have a bunch of different type of buses that have to be work on constantly. Our goal is to comply with the national, regional and the city strategy of going green, we already use compressed natural gas and clean diesel. We are going to purchase Para transit vehicles as well. We are going to purchase vehicles that are made for our type of terrain. Mr. Carroll asked about street car route use and how much would it cost to ride. Mrs. Burse stated nothing has been decided yet. Judy Gordon asked for clarification about the term headway. Mrs. Burse explained she was talking the arrival and departure time of the buses. Mr. Sanders stated he read in the paper where the committee found three million dollars for the project that should have begun some years ago during the past administration, however; on that note they are going to make a center for all transportation, buses and trains. Mrs. Burse stated that particular project is spearheaded up by the city. The transit is involved and once it is built the transit authority will operate it. Mr. Sanders asked if it would helpful for TAC to send a letter in support of this proposal. Mrs. Burse stated she didn't know if it would make a different as the

design and everyone is already in progress. Mr. Harris stated this that has been on the table since 1999 and the city has to come up with nine million dollars and the cost in the paper yesterday said it will cost thirty-nine million dollars. The city will provide nine million dollars and the rest will come from the federally match dollars. The city is committed to doing this; however a letter of support is fine. The timeline for this is eighteen months or possible longer. Judy asked if this would exclude the suburbs. John stated this facility will run from 18th street to 14th street and along the area where central station is today. This project is pulling all of the transportation, city buses, Amtrak, and etc., to this area.

Chair's report:

Chair received email and he provided a copy to the members stating, as of December 26, 2007, Jefferson County has adopted the resolution to increase TAC board to 29 members. Vestavia Hills has appointed Judy Gordon as their representative. Thurman Robertson term expired in December 13, 2007. Mr. Robertson emailed Commissioners Smoot and Humphreys and TAC members that he will not seek another term. Herb Patterson also emailed Commissioner Smoot and TAC that his term had expired and he would not seek another term. County now has three vacancies on TAC. Mrs. Burse stated she received communication from Commissioner Smoot office asking for information about the committee and the terms so they can look at filling the seats. Birmingham has five vacant seats. Three members that are not attending meeting and have been given the memo the chair sent on November 3. After orientation is completed we need to address those members and well and the others members who are not attending. The chair has spoken to Councilor Duncan about filling the five new vacancies and well as the three members' seat who are not attending the meetings which will be eight seats that Birmingham will need to fill. At the next transit board, chair will ask the board's help in getting the other municipalities to fill their vacant seats. With the increase in members the quorum number need to increase to fifteen. The bylaws states we will work with the present appointees until the other appointees are made. One suggestion is to recruit bus riders as committee members. Orientation will cover quorum requirements and other information needed to conduct TAC business.

Committee Reports:

Program Development report: Orientation is set for Saturday, January 26 beginning at 8:30 to 12:30 p.m. Scott Douglas from Greater Birmingham Ministries will be facilitator. Brian Hamilton, David Hill and Debra Anderson-Burse were asked to participate.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Meeting adjourned.