

SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT

Minutes- Board of Directors

January 8, 2010

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District met on Friday, January 8, 2010 at the District's Administrative Office located at 110 Vernon Street in Santa Cruz, California.

Vice Chair Pirie called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

SECTION 1: OPEN SESSION

1a. ROLL CALL:

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Dene Bustichi
Donald Hagen
Michelle Hinkle
John Leopold
Emilio Martinez
Ellen Pirie
Lynn Robinson
Mike Rotkin
Mark Stone
Ex-Officio Donna Blitzer

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Ron Graves
Marcela Tavantzis

STAFF PRESENT

Ciro Aguirre, Operations Manager
Angela Aitken, Finance Manager / Acting AGM
Bob Cotter, Maintenance Manager
Mary Ferrick, Fixed Route Superintendent
Margaret Gallagher, District Counsel

Debbie Kinslow, Asst Finance Manager
Pat Aviles, Asst Human Resources Manager
April Warnock, Paratransit Superintendent
Les White, General Manager

EMPLOYEES AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO VOLUNTARILY INDICATED THEY WERE PRESENT

John Daugherty, SEA
Rick Longinotti, Transition Santa Cruz
Manny Martinez, PSA

Bonnie Morr, UTU
Will Regan, VMU
Jason Scott, UTU

1b. CONSIDERATION OF:

- 1) NOMINATION OF DIRECTORS TO SERVE AS BOARD OFFICERS**
- 2) NOMINATIONS FOR APPOINTMENTS TO THE HIGHWAY 1 CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY,**
- 3) NOMINATIONS FOR APPOINTMENTS TO THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR 2010**

Chair Bustichi nominated Director Pirie for Board Chair; Director Robinson for Board Vice Chair; Director Tavantzis for HCA Representative; Director Rotkin for HCA Alternate; Directors Graves, Tavantzis and Bustichi for RTC Representative; Director Hagen for 1st RTC Alternate; Director Rotkin for 2nd RTC Alternate; and Director Hinkle for 3rd RTC Alternate. Director Rotkin nominated himself for RTC Representative. Director Leopold asked if losing nominees are eligible to be considered for the Alternate positions. Vice-Chair Pirie said that she thought the nomination must first be in place, and asked District Counsel for her opinion. Margaret Gallagher said that bylaws simply require that the nominations must be before the vote.

2. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Written:

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| a. | Paula Skiadas | Re: | ParaCruz Service Compliment |
| b. | Rick Longinotti | Re: | Sponsorship Request |

Oral:

None.

3. LABOR ORGANIZATION COMMUNICATIONS

John Daugherty, SEA, explained that the route #4 bus arrives at Vernon Street a few minutes after the hour, and that anyone riding the bus could be expected to arrive a few minutes late for any meeting that begins on the hour.

Mr. Daugherty said that he was told by a METRO manager that he was confused about article 19.1 of the MOU, and that there was an understanding with a previous chapter president to forego the "Notice of Intent to Discipline." Mr. Daugherty stated that he checked with a union organizer and that there was no such side agreement or understanding in place, so that every time management decides to skip the issuance of a "Notice of Intent to Discipline," there is a contract violation. Mr. Daugherty said that he understands, and that he is not confused.

Will Regan, VMU, and Manny Martinez, PSA greeted the Board, wished them a good year, and thanked them for their leadership.

Bonnie Morr, UTU, greeted the Board, welcomed new Director John Leopold, and said she hoped that everyone can find the ability to work together.

John Daugherty welcomed everyone and wished the Board a Happy New Year.

Chair Bustichi welcomed everyone to the new Admin facility and thanked and congratulated everyone who worked on the building.

4. ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT EXISTING AGENDA ITEMS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

5-1. CONSIDERATION OF EXTENSION OF PURCHASE ORDER/CONTRACT FOR EMPLOYMENT OF TEMPORARY HELP THROUGH ROBERT HALF INTERNATIONAL FOR TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT STAFFING FOR THE GRANTS ANALYST POSITION THROUGH APRIL, 30, 2010 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$104,000

ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR ROTKIN SECOND: DIRECTOR HINKLE

Authorize the General Manager to extend purchase order/contract with Robert Half International for temporary employment staffing for the Grants Analyst position through April 30, 2010 for a total amount not to exceed \$104,000.00.

Motion passed unanimously with Directors Graves and Tavantzis being absent.

REGULAR AGENDA

6. CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FROM RICK LONGINOTTI (TRANSITION SANTA CRUZ) FOR SPONSORSHIP, INCLUDING ADVERTISING SIGNS, OF THE “HOUSING WITHIN REACH” WORKSHOP

Summary:

Les White said that METRO’s advertising policy is fairly narrow in order to limit the District’s liability when groups that are rather distasteful approach the Board for advertising, and this eliminates the capability to post informational signs for things the Board might want to support. Mr. White said the policy does allow METRO to post signs that promote bus service and public transit, and he said that there is a nexus involving higher-density housing and bus ridership.

Discussion:

Rick Longinotti described the purpose of the workshop and said that it was a natural for METRO to support it because transit-oriented development goes hand-in-hand with transit and funding for transit is tied to how many people use it. Director Rotkin said that the District should co-sponsor the event in the interest of posting informational signs, but it should not divert transit money. Director Bustichi said that he did not see the nexus and that he was concerned that other non-profit organizations would follow suit. There was a discussion about the pros and cons of

approving the request. Les White stated that there was plenty of interior space for 11” by 17” posters. Margaret Gallagher expressed her concern that advertising should adhere to the METRO Regulations. Bonnie Morr said that she believed there is a nexus between transit and housing density.

ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR ROTKIN SECOND: DIRECTOR LEOPOLD

Approve the request from Transition Santa Cruz for co-sponsorship of the “Housing Within Reach” workshop

Motion failed with Directors Hinkle, Leopold, Rotkin, and Stone for; Directors Bustichi, Hagen, Martinez, Pirie and Robinson against; and Directors Graves and Tavantzis being absent.

7. ORAL ANNOUNCEMENT: THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2010 AT 9:00 A.M. – SANTA CRUZ CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 809 CENTER ST, SANTA CRUZ

Vice Chair Pirie announced that the January 22, 2010 Board meeting would be held at the Santa Cruz City Council Chambers.

8. REVIEW OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

Margaret Gallagher reported that there was no need for Closed Session today.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Vice Chair Pirie adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

ANTHONY TAPIZ
Administrative Assistant