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Agenda Item No. 4.a.

CCCTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING January 17, 2013

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/CONFIRM QUORUM

Chair Horn called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 9:00 a.m. Board Members present were Directors Andersen, Dessayer, Hudson, Manning, Schroder, Simmons, Storer and Weir. Director Worth arrived after the meeting convened. Director Hoffmeister was absent.

Staff: Ramacier, Chun, Glenn, Barnes, Burdick, Casenave, Churchill, Madrigal and Muzzini

Guest: Chris Weeks (Bishop Ranch/Sunset Development)

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

There was no communication from the public relative to items not on the agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Director Andersen moved approval of the Consent Calendar, consisting of the following item: (a) Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of December 20, 2012. Director Weir seconded the motion and it received the following vote of approval.

Aye: Directors Andersen, Dessayer, Horn, Hudson, Manning, Schroder, Simmons, Storer and Weir

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Directors Hoffmeister and Worth

REPORT OF CHAIR

Chair Horn reported on announcements he made to local community groups regarding the CCCTA bus procurement program.

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Moraga • Orinda • Pleasant Hill • San Ramon • Walnut Creek

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

APTA 2013 Legislative Conference

General Manager Rick Ramacier stated that there are funds in the CCCTA budget for two Board Members to attend the APTA 2013 Legislative Conference. He asked Board Members to let staff know if they are interested in attending. He anticipates discussions at the Conference will focus on what transit operators would like included in the next transportation bill. One potential topic will be the need for small suburban operators to begin to coalesce on a national suburban bus agenda. Currently, the focus is on the urban side and rail, which shifted funding from buses to rail in the current transportation bill. Most of the federal funds received by CCCTA come from the bus formula fund which was not affected by this shift, but bus discretionary funds were reprogrammed for rail. The Conference will be an opportunity to let our legislative representatives know that there are specific needs in different parts of the Bay Area and there are particular needs for bus transit in Contra Costa County.

(Director Worth arrived.)

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Marketing, Planning and Legislative Committee

State and Federal Legislative Update

Mr. Ramacier advised that the Governor released his initial budget that does not include any direct cuts for transit. This budget assumes a lower amount of STA funds because the price of diesel fuel has not risen to the level the state projected in last year's budget. MTC staff used lower STA projections than the state, and the amount of STA funds CCCTA receives is consistent with the MTC projections and the Governor's initial budget. Thus, CCCTA will not lose STA funds.

Mr. Ramacier also discussed the California Public Employee Pension Reform Act of 2012 (PEPRA) and the decision made by two international unions representing transit employees that PEPRA violates the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) Section 13(c) program which provides transit employees certain protections relative to working conditions, wages and the right to negotiate. The DOL received a number of Section 13(c) program objections on federal transit grants in California. CCCTA will not need to draw down federal grants until later this year. Funds for the ten-bus procurement are in hand and are not subject to this action. CCCTA receives federal ADA paratransit operating assistance each year after the fiscal year is closed. Staff has taken steps to navigate cash flow if this issue is not resolved by that time. The Governor has stated that he does not believe PEPRA interferes with the Section 13(c) program.

Bishop Ranch Bus Wrap Review

Director Schroder stated that the MP&L Committee reviewed some alternatives to the proposed design for the buses used for the Bishop Ranch service. Changes included incorporating the CCCTA mountain logo on the front and sides of the bus. The MP&L Committee recommends approval of the revised design. As new bus fleets are purchased, the MP&L Committee will consider the possibility of updating CCCTA's branding, logos and colors.

Director Andersen stated that she liked having the CCCTA and Bishop Ranch logos on the bus and expediting the design changes. Director Worth expressed appreciation for working expeditiously together on the design concept as well as the process of recognizing CCCTA's priorities in terms of its identity and supporting Bishop Ranch in that partnership. Director Weir also expressed appreciation for a job well done.

MOTION: Director Andersen moved approval of the latest design from Bishop Ranch and its implementation by wrapping two buses at the expense of Bishop Ranch. Director Schroder seconded the motion and it received the following vote of approval.

Aye: Directors Andersen, Dessayer, Horn, Hudson, Manning, Schroder, Simmons, Storer, Weir and Worth
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Director Hoffmeister

BOARD COMMUNICATION

Director Schroder reported that the Martinez City Council received a request from a resident urging them to look at the bus stops and shelters. City of Martinez staff will review these locations within the city limits and contact CCCTA staff regarding any changes.

CLOSED SESSION

***Consultation with Labor Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
Employee Organizations: Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 1605, AFL-CIO, Bus Operators,
and Teamsters Union, Local 856, AFL-CIO, Transit Supervisors***

At 9:25 a.m. Chair Horn announced the Board would adjourn to closed session to consult with its Labor Negotiator, Pat Glenn, Esq., pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, regarding negotiations with the Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 1605, AFL-CIO, Bus Operators, and Teamsters Union, Local 856, AFL-CIO, Transit Supervisors.

REPORT OF ACTION(S) TAKEN DURING THE CLOSED SESSION

The Board reconvened in open session at 9:38 a.m. Chair Horn announced the Board met in closed session with its Labor Negotiator, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, regarding negotiations with the two employee organizations. Direction was given to the labor negotiating team.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Horn adjourned the regular Board meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Minutes prepared by

Janet Madrigal, Clerk to the Board

Date