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Agenda Item No. 5.a.

CCCTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

May 21, 2015

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/CONFIRM QUORUM

Chair Dessayer called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 9 a.m. Board Members present were Directors Andersen, Hudson, Manning, Noack, Schroder, Simmons, Storer and Tatzin. Directors Hoffmeister and Worth arrived after the meeting convened.

Staff: Ramacier, Chun, Glenn, Avelar, Barnes, Barrientos, Bowron, Casenave, Churchill, Dean, Hammons, Hill, Martinez, Mitchell, Moran, Muzzini, Polk, Proctor-Williams, Rettig, Robinson, Saengsourith, Troche, Walker and Woodard

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ralph Hoffman, a citizen of the city of Walnut Creek, stated that he has recently joined a group called, Citizens Climate Lobby. This volunteer group goes to public meetings to speak out on the human effect on climate control.

Judy Barrientos, ATU Local 1605, President, stated that she has tried to talk to County Connection management about safety issues and a variety of other concerns. She would like management to communicate with her more frequently and directly.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Director Hudson moved approval of the Consent Calendar, consisting of the following items: (a) Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of April 16, 2015; (b) Lifeline Cycle 4 Grant Funding and Resolution No. 2015-029. Director Manning seconded the motion and it received the following vote of approval:

Aye: Directors Andersen, Dessayer, Hudson, Manning, Noack, Schroder, Simmons, Storer and Tatzin

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Directors Hoffmeister and Worth

REPORT OF CHAIR:

Chair Dessayer stated that he and his wife attended County Connection's Employee Appreciation Picnic, which was well attended, and that the employee softball game was great. He also stated that his 2014 Chair's Award Recipient is Kristina Martinez.

Director Worth arrived.

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER:

Recognition of Retiring Employee: Gerry Hammons

Recognition of Employee with 30 Years of Service: Ossie Robinson

Recognition of Employees of the 1st Quarters, 2015

Administration: Hack Saengsourtigh

Maintenance: James Treat

Transportation: Nancy Walker and Monroe Woodard

Recognition of APTA National Rodeo Participant: Monroe Woodard

Recognition of 2014 General Manager's Employee of the Year Award: Sophia Martinez-Morris and Sandra Polk

Recognition of 2014 CCCTA Employee of the Year Award: Don Avelar

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Administration & Finance Committee

FY2016 Draft Budget

Director Tatzin introduced the item to the Board and stated that this is the latest update to the budget. The A & F Committee has looked at and made adjustments to the Draft FY2016 Budget. He turned it over to Kathy Casenave, Financial Director. She explained that the draft budget assumes that current vacant positions will be filled and the Martinez shuttle will be implemented. After some Board discussion, Director Tatzin stated that the Board will take action to adopt the budget next month.

Marketing, Planning & Legislative Committee

State Legislation: Support AB 1250, SB 391 and SB 508; Oppose SB 231 and AB 1347

Director Schroder introduced the item and turned the meeting over to Kristina Martinez. She explained that AB 1250, deals with extending the period for bus axle weight exemptions to January 1, 2016. SB 391, would increase the types of offenses and penalties for assault and battery against transit operators. SB 508 amends the eligibility criteria for transit operators to receive STA funding, and amends the bicycle safety education program to include pedestrian safety as well.

Director Hoffmeister arrived.

MOTION: Director Schroder moved that the Board support AB 1250, SB 391 and SB 508 and oppose SB 231 and AB 1347. Director Worth seconded the motion and it received the following vote of approval:

Aye: Directors Andersen, Dessayer, Hoffmeister, Hudson, Manning, Noack, Schroder, Simmons, Storer, Tatzin and Worth
No: None

Abstain: None
Absent: None

Review Recent Marketing Campaigns

Director Schroder introduced the item and turned the meeting over to Anne Muzzini, Director of Planning and Scheduling. She stated marketing has adopted real time printed campaigns on buses and at BART stations in our area. County Connection also runs three-thirty second commercials on Comcast on the convenience of taking County Connection and makes available a free transit app. The MP & L Committee will continue to update the Board with any new campaigns.

Review of Spring 2015 On Board Survey Results

Director Schroder introduced the item and turned the meeting over to Anne Muzzini, Director of Planning and Scheduling. She stated that starting in late March; we started conducting surveys during weekday, weekend and students travelers. We collected over three thousand surveys, full versions for regular riders and a short version for students. In our findings we concluded that 36% pay for transit with cash and 25% use a monthly pass. 60% of the riders are either going to work or school, of those 14% are choosing to take transit whereas, 3% reported that they don't have a car and 88% of those that participated are English speaking riders. After some Board discussion, the MP & L Committee will continue to conduct on-board surveys a later date.

Report from the Advisory Committee

Appointment of Sam Kumar to the Advisory Committee as an Alternate Representative from the City of Pleasant Hill

MOTION: Director Noack moved approval of the Appointment of Sam Kumar to the Advisory Committee as an Alternate Representative from the City of Pleasant Hill. Director Tatzin seconded the motion and it received the following vote of approval:

Aye: Directors Andersen, Dessayer, Hoffmeister, Hudson, Manning, Noack, Schroder, Simmons, Storer, Tatzin and Worth
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Appointment of Cary Kennerly to the Advisory Committee as a Representative from the City of Martinez

MOTION: Director Schroder moved approval of the Appointment of Cary Kennerly to the Advisory Committee as a Representative from the City of Martinez. Director Manning seconded the motion and it received the following vote of approval:

Aye: Directors Andersen, Dessayer, Hoffmeister, Hudson, Manning, Noack, Schroder, Simmons, Storer, Tatzin and Worth
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

BOARD COMMUNICATION: None

Closed Session:

Conference with Labor Negotiator (pursuant to Government code Section 54957.6)

Employee Organizations:

Machinist Automotive Trades District Lodge No. 1173

Public Employee Performance Evaluation (pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6)

Position: General Manager

Conference with Labor Negotiators-Unrepresented employee (General Manager) (pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6)

At 10:02 a.m. Chair Dessayer announced that the Board will go into closed session regarding the Employee Organizations: ATU, Local 1605, Machinists Automotive Trades District Lodge No. 1173 and Teamsters Union, Local 856, and Public Employee Performance Evaluation, Position: General Manager to confer with the Board's labor negotiator, Pat Glenn.

OPEN SESSION:

A. REPORT OF ACTION(S) TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION

The Board reconvened in open session at 10:37 a.m. Chair Dessayer announced the Board met in closed with Labor Negotiator, Pat Glenn, and the Board has given further direction. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Dessayer adjourned the regular Board meeting at 10:38 a.m.

Minutes prepared by

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Date