



Town of Sudbury

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Sudbury Transportation Committee

Minutes

Friday, October 2, 2020

10:30 AM

Via Town Zoom Conference Call

Core Members Present: Daniel Carty, Sandy Lasky, Debra Galloway, Adam Duchesneau, Alice Sapinza, Doug Frey

Core Members Absent: Dan Nason

Advisory Group Present: Lisa Kouchakdjian

Advisory Group Absent: Charlie Dunn, Scott Nix, Beth Suedmeyer, Carmine Gentile, Bethany Hadvab, Ellen Joachim

Guests: Linda Faust, Kay Bell (silent observer)

Confirmation of Quorum

The statutory requirements as to notice having been complied with, Dan Carty as chair convened the meeting at 10:32 am. Dan made an announcement that this was a public meeting and the meeting was being recorded via Zoom and by Sudbury TV for future viewing.

Selection of Clerk

Doug volunteered to take meeting minutes.

Opening Comments

Dan C. showed a picture of new bus stop at Meadow Walk with curb cutouts completed. He commended Adam and the Planning Group for their efforts.

MAPC COVID-19 Taxicab, Livery, Hackney Transportation Partnership Grant and Taxi Program a.k.a. the "Go Sudbury! Taxi Rides Program"

Dan C. mentioned the new taxi program was live and 27 people had signed up. He said the BOS approved acceptance of the \$3k from BayPath to be spent on this project. Debra asked about the \$10k from B'nai B'rith (Coolidge mitigation funds). Dan C. commented it was up to the COA as to how to use and the intention is to spend it on transportation.

Dan C. said 1 to 2 people are signing up per day after a surge at the beginning. No complaint so far with the application process. Adam reported Beth Perry was booking rides and in the first week and a

half, there were 38 rides completed (19 round trips), with 20 with JFK, 18 with Tommy's, including 6 WAV* rides. There are 32 future rides booked.

Linda said she used service to go to CVS and was pleased with the experience. She asked if she could go to multiple stores next time and Adam said yes. Linda said she had some issues booking rides and Adam responding that the process was being worked on. Linda asked how many bags she could take, Alice thought it was 4 and Adam asked her to check with Beth Perry.

Alice asked Adam for ongoing data, including WAV usage, Adam said he would provide first invoice next week. Dan C. asked to keep an eye on the budget.

Dan C. asked about the impact of booking rides on Beth and Ana Cristina. Debra said the volume of the first 2 weeks was heavy, with much time spent on completing the application and discussing the waiver. It has been calmer lately. Debra will monitor going forward. Adam said Beth had a similar experience and would monitor as well.

Debra said she communicated with all housing complexes and Dan C. suggested we add "how did you hear about this service" to application. Debra suggested we put a survey in place and Sandy volunteered to draft a short survey.

Debra asked if Nursing Home & Assisted Living residents could use the service. She had checked with the Board of Health who recommended no for Nursing Home residents, but they are not responsible for the final decision. Debra said she would also talk with the managers of the two taxi companies about such riders before a decision was made.

Debra asked about trips to Logan. It was agreed that a ride to Logan Express was fine but not to Logan.

(*Note: WAV is wheelchair accessible vehicles)

Making the Connection – Uber Program

Dan C. said he and Bill Murphy of the Health Department were trying to connect. Adam said he and Alice had a positive conversation with Greg at Uber and the ball is in Uber's court to sign contract. Once they sign, Sudbury needs to sign.

Action Items

- Sandy will put together post card survey
- Dan C. will add: "How did you hear about this service" to application
- Adam will provide ride data to Alice, who will circulate to appropriate parties

Administrative Updates

Alice said the next meeting for Making the Connection is October 18th. The intermunicipal agreement needs to go to the BOS. Nelson/Nygaard, the firm that will provide program management services, submitted a new proposal and timeline. Alice noted that, once more communities are involved with this transportation initiative, there may be more sources of WAVs available because of the larger volume.

Dan C. discussed the transportation service to Quarry North to/from the Concord train station and a loop within Sudbury.

Lisa said it would be good to reach out to the schools, at the appropriate time, to help parents with transportation issues. Alice commented that that was one of the intentions with the Uber service.

Elect Committee Officers

Dan C. expressed interest in being elected to continue as Chair of this committee. Doug moved to elect Dan, Alice seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Minutes

The approval of the September 18th was tabled until the October 16th meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting was set for October 16th. 2020 at 10:30 AM via the town Zoom service.

Motion to Adjourn

Alice moved to adjourn at 11:38 AM and Debra seconded; the motion was passed 6-0.