

# **SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA TRANSIT DISTRICT ACCESSIBILITY TASK FORCE**

## **Draft Minutes**

May 24, 2012

### **1. Self-Introductions of Members**

**Members present:** Janet Abelson; Jan Armigo Brown; Peter Crockwell; Linda Drattell; Mary Fowler; Randall Glock; Jim Gonsalves; Herb Hastings; David Jackson; Jane Lewis; Katrina McCurdy; Gerry Newell; Hale Zukas

**Members not present:** Carmen Rivera-Hendrickson; Don Queen; Roland Wong

**Guests of the Public:** Alan Smith; Larry Bun; Chris Mullins; Jerry Grace; Hannah Brown; Pilar Marsh (Sign Language Interpreter); Anna Mindess (Sign Language Interpreter); Janice Hoang (Stenographer)

**Staff:** Ike Nnaji; Laura Timothy

**Guest Speaker(s) and Guest Staff:** Robert Raburn; Joe Speaks; Tian Feng; Mike Forte; Tom Dunscombe; Scott Vandussen; Edgardo Alvarez; Lauren LaPlante

### **2. Public Comments**

Alan wanted to give recognition to a BART train operator who took it upon himself to return Alan's wife's checkbook personally, after it had been turned in to him by some passengers who found it.

### **3. Approval of Minutes of April 26, 2012 Meeting**

Alan feels that the minutes that are attached to the meeting agenda should reflect the amendments and changes to the minutes.

The members agreed to allow Alan to look over the minutes, once it's completed, and for him to be able to bring to the group's attention the things he feels should be reflected in the minutes that have been left out.

No opposition to Janet's motion to approve minutes of the April 26, 2012 meeting, (second by Peter). Motion carries unanimously.

### **4. BART Facilities Standards (BFS)**

After the presentation, the floor was opened up for questions and concerns from members.

BFS revision request forms can be filled out by members to give to BART staff, i.e. Ike, who will then forward it on to Tian Feng. It would then be reviewed by a group of stakeholders.

## **5. New Member Nomination Approval**

No opposition to Gerry's recommendation to approve Larry Bun's application, (second by Peter); motion carries unanimously.

No opposition to Gerry's recommendation to approve Alan Smith's application, (second by Peter); motion carries unanimously

## **6. Oakland Airport Connector Project**

(Staff seeks approval of sub-committee recommendations)

After the presentation, the floor was opened up for questions and concerns from members.

Members suggested that the revised layout dated 5/11/12 be used.

The subcommittee meeting for this item (regarding signage announcements) has tentatively been set to take place on August 8, 2012.

## **7. Ad-Hoc Committee Reports**

Police Communication:

Members who are interested in being a part of this subcommittee should notify either Randall or Ike. This subcommittee will be chaired by Gerry Newell. The next subcommittee meeting has tentatively been set to occur on July 20, 2012.

Linda stated that she is upset that this item has now been lumped into a larger generalized group, instead of being focused on the deaf and hard of hearing.

Stair Tread Policy:

Randall notified members that this item is ongoing, but did not have a proposed date yet.

## **8. Chairperson Announcements**

Randall posed a general question to members regarding how they feel about attending meetings if it were held at the Ed Roberts campus, to which there was no objection.

He also asked if members were okay with conducting the December 2012 meeting the same way that the December 2011 was conducted (i.e. location and format of meeting, meet & greet.)

Members were instructed to e-mail to Randall or Ike any questions they may have for the general manager, who will likely be attending the June meeting.

## **9. Staff Announcements**

Laura told members about the working group that was held on design issues, particularly for the blind and low-vision community. They are set to meet again, and Laura will bring back to the group the recommendations that they've come up with.

## **10. Member Announcements**

Mary would like for the group to look into making the meetings accessible by telephone.

Jim suggested holding a walk-through orientation for when a temporary path of travel is established during construction.

Linda thanked all who attended DCARA's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala.

## **11. Future Agenda Topics**

- Discussion on the blackouts and dimness of elevator corridors, especially at the Montgomery and Market Street stations.
- Status update on the new signage project

## **12. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting of Thursday, June 28, 2012 at 2:30 p.m.