

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA TRANSIT DISTRICT ACCESSIBILITY TASK FORCE

Minutes

September 24, 2015

1. Self-Introductions of Members, Staff and Guests

Members present: Janet Abelson, Randall Glock, Janice Armigo Brown, Peter Crockwell, Don Queen, Hale Zukas, Clarence Fischer, Gerry Newell, Herb Hastings, Alan Smith, Megan O'Brien, Brandon Young, Roland Wong, Linda Drattell, Esperanza Diaz-Alvarez

Absent: N/A

BART Staff present: Ike Nnaji, Bob Franklin

Directors, Speaker(s), Guest Staff, and Guests of the Public:

Director Robert Raburn, Elena Vanloo (BART), Robert Allen (Former Director), Tim Chan (BART Staff), Joe Lipkos (BART Staff), Jerry Grace, Ric Owen (ASL Interpreter), Anne Smith (ASL Interpreter), Janice Dispo (Stenographer)

2. Public Comments

[No public comments.]

3. Approval of Minutes of August 27, 2015 Meeting

No opposition to Randall Glock's motion to approve the August 27, 2015 meeting minutes, with a second by Gerry Newell.

Motion passes with abstentions from Don Queen and Larry Bunn.

4. Nominations and Election

Alan Smith stated that he had made a mistake by holding nominations during the August BATF meeting as the by-laws require that it be held in September. Therefore, nominations were held once again, in compliance with the by-laws.

Ike Nnaji then ran this portion of the meeting.

Candidates for Chairperson:

Alan Smith – 7 votes

Randall Glock – 6 votes

Clarence Fischer – poll not taken

Candidates for Vice Chairperson:

Randall Glock – position declined

Herb Hastings – 4 votes

Clarence Fischer – 9 votes

The Chairperson for the next term will be Alan Smith, and the Vice Chairperson will be Clarence Fischer.

5. By-Laws Issues

A discussion was held regarding the addition of a third officer/liaison position to the BATF.

A vote was taken regarding whether or not members would like to have a third officer position. (10 votes for)

A vote was taken regarding the title of the third officer position.

Co-vice chairperson – 1 vote

Second vice chairperson – 9 votes

Alternate vice chairperson - 5 votes

Before the position of Second Vice Chairperson can be voted on, the by-laws must first be amended, and approved by the General Manager, on behalf of the Board.

Upon approval, the by-laws will be edited to add a section for the Second Vice Chairperson, and it will read:

“The BATF shall elect from its membership a Second Vice Chairperson, who, in the absence or inability of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson to serve, shall have all the powers and perform the duties of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. The Second Vice Chairperson shall perform other duties from time to time, as may be requested.”

6. Powell & Montgomery Stations Canopy

After the update given by Tim Chan, members were allowed to ask questions and/or share any concerns they had.

Tim Chan suggested coordinating a site visit for the Balboa Park as the modernization project is commencing.

(Travel reimbursement approved, per Ike Nnaji.)

7. Wayfinding 16th & 24th/Mission Stations

After the presentation given by Joe Lipkos, members were allowed to ask questions and/or share any concerns they had.

Alan Smith suggested that a site visit be arranged for members in wheelchairs.

(Travel reimbursement approved, per Bob Franklin.)

8. BATF/BBATF Letter

No opposition to Clarence Fischer's motion to adopt the letter as it is currently written, with a second by Gerry Newell.

Motion passes with abstentions from Larry Bunn and Randall Glock.

9. Proposed New Meeting Location Update

The address of the proposed new meeting location is 1750 Broadway in Oakland, California.

10. Capital Project Status Reports

eBART

BART is in the process of hiring a general superintendent, who will oversee the entire eBART system.

There will be TTY telephones which will have a direct number to control central posted nearby. A toll-free number has been requested.

Fleet of the Future

Update presentation to be held during October meeting.

No updates were given for the following projects:

- El Cerrito Del Norte
- Oakland Airport Connector
- Union City Station Remodel

- Warm Springs Station
- Phase 2 – San Jose Downtown
- Civic Center Station Upgrade
- Montgomery Station Upgrade
- San Bruno Path of Travel
- Track Maintenance
- Transbay Tube
- Station Hearing Loop
- Entrance Canopies
- Berkeley Station Upgrade
- Stair Tread Color Contrast
- Richmond Intermodal Project
- Berryessa/Milpitas Stations
- Powell Street Station Upgrade
- Embarcadero Station Upgrade
- West Dublin Path of Travel
- Concord Station Upgrade
- Dublin/Pleasanton Project

11. Chairperson Announcements

The specially scheduled November meeting will be held on **Thursday, November 12th** (due to Veterans Day and Thanksgiving Day holidays.)

BART Board meetings will no longer be held in the evenings on every fourth Thursday of the month. All future BART Board meetings are to be held at 9:00 a.m.

Marina Villena has missed four BATF meetings this year and has been removed as a member of the BATF.

12. Staff Announcements

[No staff announcements.]

13. Member Announcements

Linda Drattell will be forwarding a picture of an ad taken from the State of Arizona depicting a sign regarding calling their courtesy phone from a smartphone.

She then asked for an update regarding video relay service.

Alan Smith clarified that TTY phones reach the requirement and that the video relay service is not an option at this time.

Janet Abelson asked members to share their thoughts regarding fare evasion on BART, and asked for suggestions to try to stop or deter it from happening. She will then bring this information back to the Transit Security Advisory Committee at BART.

Some of the suggestions included:

- Installing higher fencing around the entrance/exit gates
- More police presence, especially at or around elevators
- Bringing all elevators inside the paid area
- More station agents
- Installing sensors or chimes
- Barrier needed at South Hayward Station, Fremont platform

Director Raburn suggested that members request for data from the police reflecting the extent of fare evasion citations in different parts of the system.

Randall Glock requested that it be put on the agenda so that members may make this request officially.

Gerry Newell said that the Lions Center for the Blind has moved to 1722 Broadway in Oakland, California, and asked what he can do to inform all station agents regarding their move.

Director Raburn advised him to put together one-page announcement from the Lions Center to give to him, and he will then forward it along to the District Secretary as well as the General Manager.

Randall Glock shared that Customer Service wants to work with groups on taking new people to learn how to use the BART system.

Linda Drattell reminded members that her organization, BEADHH (Bay Epicenter of Advocacy for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing), along with four other organizations, will be holding a conference called "Enough is Enough, Collaboration for Change" wherein these organizations will be advocating for captioning.

This will be held on Friday, October 23, 2015, at the Ed Roberts Campus (Ashby BART) in Berkeley, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

She added that "VRI: Your Rights and Advocacy" will be held on Friday, November 6, 2015, at Deaf Community Center (San Leandro BART), from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

14. Future Agenda Topics

- Request for fare evasion data from police
- Request for update regarding Dublin/Pleasanton intermodal project

- Discussion of bikes on escalators, especially when rider loses control and bike swings at other patrons
- Discussion of or presentation regarding fare increase and new fee schedule
- Selective advanced notification to disabled community of service modifications

15. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting of **Thursday, October 22, 2015, at 2:00 p.m., at 101 8th Street in Oakland, California.**