

Johnson County Paratransit Advisory Committee

Minutes

May 24, 2022

Present:

Members: Jerri MacConell, Vicky Robrock, Jon Green,

Ex-Officio: Roger Goedken, Ron Schieffer

Others: Tom Brase, SEATS Director, Angie Conard, Kelly Schneider, Laura Bergus,

Absent:

Members: Maszhir Salih, Doug Thompson

Ex-Officio: Ann Trotter, Marc Rahe,

Others: Brock Grenis, Frank Waisath, Ann Crotty, Susan Bethel, Patty Bahr

1. Call to order: 1:01
2. Open Discussion: None.
3. Chairperson's Report:
 - a. Introductions:
4. Director's Report:
 - a. Have Surveys out this year, let me know if you need any or can go to website: Will give to Marc at Goodwill. Coralville sent out with certifications. None have come in from the on line option.
 - b. APRA funding for same day Demand Response service, for those who have no other means of transportation (e.g. released from medical appointment, new in town and still in 21 day grace period, etc...) We would like to charge five dollars a trip for same day service which is considered a premium service: Someone will need to refer people for this service. The referral will validate that the person needs the service because it is open to the public. Will be using the ECICOG mini van to transport. Will start with the new fiscal year and will cost \$5 per ride. Hours are 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday- Friday and it will be “curb to curb”. Same day rides only
 - c. The SEATS policy for Carry-on Items was approved for changes last meeting and we plan on moving ahead with it: The updated policy will be taken to the board for approval.
 - d. Iowa City Transit is working on Sunday service, but they are having driver shortage issues: Slowly moving forward. Currently having difficulties finding staff to fill open positions.
 - e. SEATS ridership is around 330 trips each weekday and a little over 50 each Saturday: Trips are going up slowly.
 - f. We are working to get RM pay working by later this summer. It will allow riders to set up an account to pre-pay for trips which help us with cutting back on the office billing. Still figuring out how it will work best for the riders and SEATS: It will be possible to pre-pay.
 - g. Taking applications for Advisory Committee members: Still looking for people to be on this committee.
5. Updates from those in attendance at the Advisory Committee meeting: Coralville Transit has had buses order since December 2020. Delivery of electric vehicles is two or three years. Not all SEATS drivers are displaying their name plates on the buses.
6. Approval of last meeting's: Approved by Jerri, 2nd by Jon
7. Next meeting: August 23 at 1:00 p.m. Johnson County Administration Building

Adjourn 1:18