



HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

November 7, 2013

CITY OF PORTAGE HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

A G E N D A

**Thursday, November 7, 2013
(6:30pm)**

Conference Room #1

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- * October 3, 2013

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- * 1. Presentation, Kalamazoo Transit Authority- Sean McBride

STATEMENT OF CITIZENS:

ADJOURNMENT:

MATERIALS TRANSMITTED

Star (*) indicates printed material within the agenda packet.

CITY OF PORTAGE HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

Minutes of Meeting, October 3, 2013

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Sandra Sheppard, Chair

MEMBERS PRESENT: Diane Durian, Ray LaPoint, Elma (Pat) Maye, Edward Morgan, Nadeem Mirza, Sandra Sheppard, Amanda Woodin, Kitu Komya (Youth Advisory Committee)

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Effie Kokkinos, Kelly Williams

STAFF PRESENT: Elizabeth Money, Neighborhood Program Specialist

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Woodin and supported by Durian to approve the September 5, 2013 minutes as written. Motion passed, 6-0 (Maye arrived after approval of the minutes).

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Kalamazoo Transit Authority Information – Bus Shelters: Maye began the discussion reviewing the existing Portage bus shelter locations. Staff elaborated on the additional information received from Sean McBride, Executive Director of KTA, including the effects the pending KTA merger between the City of Kalamazoo and Kalamazoo County and the effects an ADA study will have on the placement of new bus shelters. The Board felt that they would not move forward with additional review or propose a potential bus shelter project to City Council until the merger and study were complete since it would effect existing shelters, new shelter locations, and bus routes/stops.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Red Ribbon Week (October 23-31, 2013): Sheppard began the discussion by requesting an update. Staff indicated that Kokkinos had sent an email stating she contacted Angling Elementary School but had not yet received a response from them regarding attendance at the October 22nd City Council meeting. After some discussion about the event and recruitment of students to attend, Mirza suggested that if Kokkinos had not received a positive response from Angling School by October 9, 2013, he would contact another school to participate. Staff would send an email to Kokkinos and Mirza communicating this information. After review of the Red Ribbon Week Proclamation, Durian moved and LaPoint supported approval and submission for the October 22nd Council agenda. Motion passed 7-0.
2. Election of Officers: After a brief discussion, Morgan moved and Maye supported retaining the current members as officers (Sheppard as Chair, Durian and Vice-Chair, and Maye as Secretary). Motion passed 7-0.
3. Kalamazoo Transit Authority LAC update- Maye: The LAC met in September but Maye indicated there was nothing new to report.

STATEMENT OF CITIZENS: Sheppard began a discussion on the schedule for the next several months and the pending Human/Public Service Funding cycle. The Board and staff discussed the application, recent changes, problems with HUD funding changes, and future meeting dates. Maye requested information on the fire damaged house at 5527 Meredith Street on behalf of neighborhood resident and was informed the city had authorized razing the structure. Morgan requested an update on the Lovers Lane CDBG project that went before the Board in September and was informed the loan documents were signed and the project to re-roof the garage was moving forward.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the Board, Maye moved and Woodin supported the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Money, Neighborhood Program Specialist

CITY OF PORTAGE

COMMUNICATION

TO: Human Services Board

DATE: October 30, 2013

FROM: Vicki Georgeau, ^{MA} Director Community Development

SUBJECT: Kalamazoo Transit Authority Information

Attached is an article that appeared in the Kalamazoo Gazette on October 22, 2013 and regards the future of the Kalamazoo Transit Authority (KTA) management. As KTA is scheduled to present at the November 7, 2013 Human Services Board meeting, this article may provide information to the Board regarding the KTA transition towards a countywide transit system.



Kalamazoo City Commission endorses countywide public transit plan; transition deadline set for Oct. 15, 2015

Emily Monacelli | emonacel@mlive.com By Emily Monacelli | emonacel@mlive.com

Follow on Twitter

on October 22, 2013 at 6:15 AM, updated October 22, 2013 at 11:23 AM

KALAMAZOO, MI -- Regionalized public transit in Kalamazoo County could be a reality by Oct. 15, 2015, according to a plan shown to the **Kalamazoo City Commission** Monday.

Commissioners approved a resolution endorsing a transition plan to move public transit from a city-operated system, to a countywide system. The **city and county have worked for several years** on developing the countywide system.

A group of administrators that developed the transportation system white paper and presented it to the city of Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo County, the Kalamazoo Transit Authority Board and the Kalamazoo County Transit Authority in January. Since then, a leadership team of elected and appointed officials has met and provided input on the transition, according to a memo to city commissioners from Kalamazoo City Manager Kenneth Collard.



A Metro Transit bus exits the Kalamazoo Transportation Center in this file photo.

Gazette file

City and transit authority officials are working to craft an executive services agreement to allow the transit authority **to provide executive services through KCTA Executive Director Sean McBride**, who will take over Metro Transit oversight for retiring Metro Transit Executive Director Bill Schomisch. Schomisch and McBride are working with a management consultant to plan the transition and help McBride manage public transit.

McBride will serve as executive director of the Kalamazoo Transit Authority and the Kalamazoo County Transit Authority, based on an amendment city commissioners made Monday to the Kalamazoo Transit Authority's articles of incorporation.

"This is a major step on the path and journey we are on to integrate the forms of transportation under the kazoo county transport authority," said Linda Teeter, chair of the KCTA.

*Emily Monacelli is a local government reporter for the Kalamazoo Gazette. Contact her at **emonacel@mlive.com** or follow her on **Twitter**.*

© 2013 MLive.com. All rights reserved.