

Johnson County Paratransit Advisory Committee

Minutes

February 25, 2020

Goodwill Plant

Present:

Members: Doug Thompson, Steve Oulman

Ex-Officio: Marc Rahe

Others: Tom Brase, SEATS Director, Angie Conard, Josh Super, Brad Neumann, Laura Bergus

Absent:

Members: Maszhir Salih, Jerri MacConnell, Pat Heiden, Vicky Robrock, Mark Rummel

Ex-Officio: Ron Schieffer, Ann Trotter, Roger Goedken

Others: Brock Grenis, Kelly Schneider,

1. Call to order: 1:06
2. Open Discussion:
3. Chairperson's Report:
 - a. Introductions: Steve Oulman
4. Director's Report:
 - a. New vehicles out on the road. Looking to make three of them Hybrid vehicles: Three new vehicles from ECICOG, Three new vehicles from Iowa City Transit, and getting four more from ECICOG. Not able to get electric vehicles because they only stay charged for about six hours.
 - b. Iowa City, Coralville, and University of Iowa is doing a transit study. We encourage anyone who can to participate. Iowa City is looking at Sunday service. Will have more feedback this summer.
 - c. Paratransit Advisory Committee members who are eligible to ride SEATS can ride free to and from these meetings but need to let SEATS know.
 - d. Any suggestions for driver, scheduling, or other training of staff? Maybe sensitivity training.
 - e. Number of trips continue to increase slightly. With the increased number of trips we are finding that the wheelchairs are getting wider and longer. Lifts can hold a maximum of 800 lbs. About 90% - 95% are urban trips.
5. Updates or concerns from Advisory Committee members and Ex-officio members: Survey and recertification needs renewed this year. Will be using the same survey from two years ago.
6. Approval of last meeting's minutes by Doug, second by Steve.
7. Next meeting: May 26, 2020 with conference call please call (319) 688-5945 at 1 PM

Adjourn 1:30