

Johnson County Paratransit Advisory Committee

Minutes

May 25, 2021

Phone in

Present:

Members: Doug Thompson, Vicky Robrock,

Ex-Officio: Marc Rahe, Roger Goedken

Others: Tom Brase, SEATS Director, Angie Conard, Brad Neumann, Kelly Schneider

Absent:

Members: Pat Heiden, Maszhir Salih, Mark Rummel, Steve Oulman, Jerri MacConell, Susan Bethel

Ex-Officio: Ann Trotter, Ron Schieffer

Others: Josh Super, Brock Grenis

1. Call to order: 1:02
2. Open Discussion: None.
3. Chairperson's Report:
 - a. Introductions: via phone
4. Director's Report:
 - a. Added a statement to agenda about if anyone needs any reasonable accommodations for this meeting.
 - b. Working on getting the four new ECICOG vehicles out on the road: we have a minivan that can be used now and two of the three 176' wheelbase vehicles like normally used for SEATS up and going.
 - c. Will be adjusting service hours to be comparable to Iowa City and Coralville fixed routes. SEATS will be available the times and locations fixed routes are available: Coralville has already changed the hours from 5:35 to 5:25. Rural service is now Monday-Friday 7am – 5pm.
 - d. COVID pandemic has had a huge impact on the number of trips being performed and staffing needs. Extra cleaning is being done on SEATS vehicles and protective measures to insure rider's safety. Want to thank Kelly for putting together a video showing the extra cleaning and work we are doing: DOT is requiring masks be worn on buses until September 13. Riders under the age of two or having a medical reason are not required to wear a mask.
 - e. We are still trying to bill trips to help with social distancing. SEATS is open to finding other methods for riders to pay for trips. We encourage timely payments.
 - f. According to Transportation Safety Administration passengers are to wear masks while riding until at least September 13, 2021.
 - g. Taking applications for Advisory Committee members: short riders (members). Let Tom know if you know of anyone interested.
 - h. Any suggestions to help improve SEATS service is greatly appreciated. None
5. Updates or concerns from Advisory Committee members and Ex-officio members: Flyer was put on for Iowa City Transit plan. What are the dates for changes to service? A public hearing gave August 2 as the date of change to routes. Changes to fare? Only change is that SEATS riders can now ride for free at any time. Roger discussed plans for groups: Day habs will open a little sooner but other locations will be July 1. Goodwill will be selling their administration building and moving to Cedar Rapids. The Mission Service Team will still have a location in Iowa City.
6. Approval of last meeting's minutes by Vicky second by Doug
7. Next meeting: Aug 31, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. with possible conference call please call (319) 688-5945 at 1 PM Meeting was canceled, next meeting November 23, 2021..

Adjourn 1:15