

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2013, AT 3:00 P.M.
ILLINOIS TERMINAL
45 EAST UNIVERSITY AVENUE, CHAMPAIGN

PRESIDING

Don Uchtman, Chair

RECORDING SECRETARY

Rena Lee Lenz

PRESENT BOARD MEMBERS

Linda Bauer	Brad Diel
Willard Broom	Ronald Peters
Margaret Chaplan	Jermaine Raymer

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER PRESENT

Ed Slazinik—Associate Vice-Chancellor—University of Illinois

IN ATTENDANCE

William L. Volk, Managing Director
Thomas J. Costello, Assistant Managing Director
Karl Gnadt, Director of Market Development
Jan Kijowski, Marketing Director
Amy Snyder, Communications Specialist
Drew Bargmann, Planner

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

- (a) A motion was made by Raymer, seconded by Peters, the Board of Trustees voted to approve the agenda items, as presented.

AYE: All
NAY: None
Motion carried

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

- (a) Natalie Ericson, Savoy, presented a petition from the residents of Prairie Meadows with 59 of the 66 homeowners signing it. They were against the annexation of Prairie Meadows for the following reasons:
- Prairie Fields was immune to annexation for 20 years
 - current buses drive by empty or with very few riders and the majority of them are students living in Colbert Park Apartments that already provides buses for their residents
 - they moved to Savoy for the low taxes and knew that public transportation was not in their area
 - they have no need for this service, as they all own vehicles and a bus commute would be very inconvenient
- (b) Eric Arnold, Savoy, did not feel that public transportation was a basic fundamental need for them and there are still a lot of empty lots in this phase of Prairie Meadows development;
- (c) Brian McCoy, Savoy supported the thoughts of the rest of the neighborhood; MTD was just rushing to generate tax money; and 59 of 66 residents did not want bus service.
- (d) Midge O'Brien, Savoy, was an advocate for the expansion of bus service to Savoy. She said that she had been involved in a petition for bus service to the Wal-Mart in Savoy. She uses the MTD to avoid parking and that it was very economical to ride the bus.
- (e) Cecile Ann Lindy, Champaign, again requested that the Lavender Line serve Dobbins Downs on Sunday, as a lot of people had need for the service.
- (f) Christy Arnold, Savoy, said that she was not opposed to the MTD, but was opposed to being forced to having it in their neighborhood when they did not want it. She felt like the MTD just wanted their money.
- (g) Aurora Villacorta, Champaign, said that she wrote a thank you letter to the MTD for the installation of a bench at the corner of Healey and Wright. She also would be most appreciative of having a shelter there also some day.
- (h) George Friedman, former MTD Board Member, had a statement supporting the annexation of Prairie Meadows. (Copy attached to original and file minutes.)

There was considerable discussion regarding the annexation of Prairie Meadows that followed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- (a) Discussion of Policies and Procedures #2 - Service and Planning Area Policy.

Volk reported that this policy was originally adopted on 11/13/2000 following the adoption of the District's "2000 Strategic Plan". The policy's purpose was "to establish a logical framework for making decisions regarding annexation and changing of the District's boundaries". He also briefly discussed the agreements with the City of Champaign, City of Urbana, and Village of Savoy.

In addition, Volk stated that he asked Jeremy Borrego, from CUUATS, to present related information from the area's "Long Range Transportation Plan: 2035" adopted in December, 2009.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(a) Continued

Some high points of the presentation included the following:

-that the Long Range Transportation Plan 2025 and 2035 goal was to provide improved transit service to important activity centers and to extend service to the entire contiguous developed area.

-that public transportation benefits include economic factors and health, social, and environmental factors.

-briefly discussed - average spending per household and percentage of workers by commute mode in Savoy and in the urbanized area and its effects on transportation.

-briefly discussed the District's annual ridership and how it has steadily increased since 2007.

-households without vehicles and households below the poverty line and its effects on transportation.

-numbers of people working in Savoy—68% live in Champaign or Urbana and 3% live in Savoy.

-numbers of people living in Savoy—35% travel to Champaign and Urbana daily and 4.2% work in Savoy.

Considerable discussion followed.

It was the consensus of the Board to review the policy in the near future to make certain that it was still timely with the views and values of the current board.

(b) Discussion/Consideration of An Ordinance Annexing Certain Territory—Prairie Meadows Subdivision Phase I Tract.

After some brief discussion, the Board decided to vote on the Ordinance.

A motion was made by Broom, seconded by Peters, the Board of Trustees voted to approve the annexation of Subdivision Phase I Tract and to authorize the Board Chair to execute it. (Copies attached to original and file minutes.)

AYE: Bauer, Broom, Diel, Peters, Uchtmann

NAY: Chaplan, Raymer

Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

(a) Complimentary Letter from Aurora Villacorta.

(b) Letter from Christy Arnold regarding the annexation of Prairie Meadows.

MINUTES

- (a) Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on July 31, 2013.

A motion was made by Bauer, seconded by Diel, the Board of Trustees voted to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on July 31, 2013, as presented.

AYE: All
 NAY: None
 Motion carried.

REPORTS

- (a) Managing Director's.

Volk reported on the following in his written report:

1. Operating Notes.
2. Operating Statement.
3. Ridership Data.
4. District Operating Revenue & Expenses.
5. Illinois Terminal Operating Revenue & Expenses.
6. Statistical Summary.
7. Accounts Payable/Check Disbursements.

- (b) Board Committee Reports.

1. Budget & Audit.

Volk reported that the next step in the budget process was the approval of the Tax Levy Ordinance. He said that more background on both the budget and tax levy ordinance process would be discussed at the upcoming board study session.

As usual, monthly information from Morgan Stanley Smith Barney was included in the board packet.

2. Facilities.

Gnadt updated the board on the following projects: that the Chiller was still on schedule to be replaced in November; Solar Panel specifications are at IDOT; 803 project completed; Retrofit of doors at 803 has been started; LED retrofit still waiting on some parts; Solar Lights waiting for IDOT approval; Illinois Terminal Door Retrofit nearing completion; and Plumbing project specifications are at IDOT.

3. Personnel.

There was nothing new to report.

NEW BUSINESS

- (a) Discussion/Consideration of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between the CUMTD and the Regional Planning Commission (RPC).

Volk explained that the District has been awarded a grant through the Federal Transit Administration to improve mobility access at certain bus stops within the community referred to as the RAMPS Project. The grant was for \$205,600 in federal funding and the RPC will

contribute \$51,400 as a local match. No District funds will be used. The MOU will primarily be used to establish the RPC as the project administrator.

NEW BUSINESS

- (a) Continued

Also, Volk stated that Eileen Sierra Brown from CUUATS was in attendance to answer any questions about the project. She did explain the project in a bit more detail.

It was necessary to authorize the Managing Director to execute the MOU.

A motion was made by Bauer, duly seconded by Chaplan, the Board of Trustees voted to approve the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District and the Regional Planning Commission for the RAMPS Project and authorized the Managing Director to execute it. (Copies attached to original and file minutes.)

AYE: All
NAY: None
Motion carried.

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING DATES

- (a) The Board Study Session was previously set for September 9, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. at Illinois Terminal.
- (b) The Regular Board Meeting was set for September 25, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. at Illinois Terminal.

ADJOURNMENT

- (a) A motion was made by Diel, seconded by Raymer, the Board of Trustees voted to adjourn the board meeting at 5:00 p.m.

AYE: All
NAY: None
Motion carried.

SECRETARY

APPROVED:

CHAIR