

Draft Santa Barbara County Transit Advisory Council (SBCTAC)

MINUTES

Wednesday, February 8, 2017

Buellton City Council Chambers
140 West Highway 246
Buellton, CA

SBCTAC Members Present

Lee Diaz	Local Social Service Providers for Persons of Limited Means
Sherrie Fisher	Potential Transit User who is 60 Years of Age or Older
Howard Kraus	South Coast Transit Rider
Petra Löwen, Vice Chair	Social Service Provider for Seniors
Michael Luther	City of Lompoc Transit (COLT)
Fil Simas	Local CTSA - SMOOTH
Matt Dobberteen	County Transit
Matt van der Linden, Chair	Santa Ynez Valley Transit (SYVT)
Ed Zoost	North County Transit Rider

SBCAG Staff Present

Michael Becker	SBCAG
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Others Present

Dan Klemann	SB County Planning and Development
Austin O'Dell	SMAT
Vilma Contreras	Community Partners in Caring

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Matt van der Linden called the meeting to order and introduced attendees. The Chair re-ordered the agenda to have item 5 occur prior to item 4.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Matt van der Linden requested public comment on items not included on the agenda and there was none.

3. MINUTES (Action Item)

Michael Becker sought clarification from the Committee on who is responsible for drafting the letter of appreciation for Jim Kemp, as is mentioned in the minutes. Matt Dobberteen

assumed responsibility for drafting the letter. Following a motion by Fil Simas, seconded by Petra Löwen, the Committee unanimously approved the SBCTAC meeting minutes of December 14, 2016.

4. ELECTIONS (Action Item)

At the direction of the Chair, this item occurred after item 5.

Michael Becker introduced this item. Following a motion to nominate Matt van der Linden and Petra Löwen as Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, by Lee Diaz, seconded by Sherrie Fisher, the Committee unanimously elected Matt van der Linden to serve as Chair and Petra Löwen to serve as Vice Chair for 2017.

5. UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS (Information Item)

At the direction of the Chair, this item occurred prior to item 4.

Michael Becker introduced the item. Austin O'Dell, representing Santa Maria Area Transit provided a summary of comments received during SMAT's November 11, 2016 public meeting. He noted that many of the requested improvements will soon be implemented or more thoroughly considered during the development of SMAT's next Short Range Transit Plan. Michael Luther, representing the City of Lompoc Transit, provided a summary of the comment received during COLT's November 8, 2016 meeting. One comment was received requesting a new bus stop near the Filmore School. Michael Becker then discussed why the Unmet Transit Needs process is conducted, its benefits, and its limitations. He went on to discuss the comments received during the January 19, 2017 public hearing as well as the comments received by letter and email. Michael asked Committee members to review the comments contained in the staff report and to let him know if any not already classified as unmet transit needs, should be re-classified for further analysis.

6. SBCTAC MEMBERSHIP APPOINTMENT (Action Item)

Michael Becker introduced the item. Following a motion by Sherrie Fisher, seconded by Matt van der Linden, the Committee unanimously recommended the Board appoint Ernesto Parades as the CTSA – Easy Lift representative.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Matt van der Linden noted that a recent SYVT survey was successful after a chance to win a \$50 Amazon gift card was added for survey respondents.

Petra Löwen asked staff to add an agenda item for the March meeting to discuss the Committee's bylaws.

An audio recording of the meeting is available. Please contact Michael Becker, mbecker@sbcag.org or 805-961-8912, to request a copy.