

**TOMPKINS CONSOLIDATED AREA TRANSIT, INC.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Thursday, September 24, 2009  
4:00 PM TCAT Conference Room  
737 Willow Avenue, Ithaca, NY

Attendees: D. Cogan, H. Dullea, P. Mackesey, R. McDaniel,  
F. Proto, N. Schuler, J. Turcotte

S. Brock, R. Andrascik, A. Eccleston, P. Poist,  
S. Persons/Recording Secretary

Also Attended: G. Eberhardt, Linda Myers, Don Dickinson

**Agenda**

**I. Call to Order**

D. Cogan called the meeting to order at 4:06 PM, and welcomed everyone to the September 24, 2009 TCAT, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting.

**II. Board Member Items**

D. Cogan requested a brief executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss contract negotiations and contract disputes.

**III. Public Comment**

D. Dickinson stated that he had been told that the Board doesn't know, but he knows that they were very seriously thinking about putting a bus shelter into the parking lot, that you were thinking about putting a bus stop in Myers. He stated he has discovered that 30 years ago he made an agreement with the City that never was signed or filed at the court house, so at this point he owns 12 foot right in front next to his building which is where the shelter is talked about going. He stated he doesn't know anything, but thought he would come here and ask the Board if they know anything.

L. Myers stated she wanted to reiterate what she stated last month that the merchants on the Northside of East State Street, the 300 block, really have significant concerns about what putting a bus shelter in that parking lot is going to do to safety, accessibility, and how it's going to negatively affect their business's regarding deliveries and that sort of thing.

G. Eberhardt stated he saw that we now have signs telling people that the changes will go into effect January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010; they have gone up in all of the buses. He stated he is very pleased with that. He still says that we have got to get something out to the people letting them know what the changes are. He also has heard that people at Titus Towers still want to have a conference with TCAT, and he doesn't know if anything has been done about that yet.

**IV. Approval of the minutes from July 31, 2009 and August 27, 2009 meetings**

The motion to approve the minutes from July 31, 2009 and August 27, 2009 was made by F. Proto; seconded by P. Mackesey. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

## **V. Chairperson's Report**

D. Cogan stated that S. Brock mentioned it is coming time for the recommending parties to recommend Board Members for three of us whose terms are going to expire at the end of this year, K. Luz Herrera, H. Dullea and himself. He stated that a letter will be going out from our attorney S. Brock to our recommending parties that they need to recommend Board Members or reappoint the same Board Members before our December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2009 meeting and to please go back to their respective bodies and give them the heads up that it needs to be done.

## **VI. General Manager's Report**

- J. Turcotte stated that N. Oltz and M. Albanese are at the State Roadeo in Kingston and we also sent two Bus Operators, Dave Anderson and Andrew Gallegos. They will be competing against all the systems in New York State. He stated there is a good chance that TCAT will be hosting the Roadeo next year.
- Monthly Operating Report - J. Turcotte presented the Monthly Operating Report for August 2009. He reviewed the details of the Riders, Miles & Hours Statistics, Service Changes & Special Events, Maintenance Statistics, Accidents & Other Incidents, Finance, Human Resources, Marketing Initiatives, & Customer Communications.

## **VII. Action Items from Staff**

There were no action items.

## **VIII. Committee Reports**

- **Executive Committee**

D. Cogan reported the Executive Committee met September 9, 2009 and discussed the Rural Feeder Service, Bus advertising and Aurora Street Shelter.

- **Budget Committee**

H. Dullea reported that the Budget Committee met on September 17, 2009 and discussed Revenue Expenditure Reports: August 31, 2009, Fuel Reports, STOA update, Insurance, Parts, Series 40 Forecast and Fare Structure.

- **Transit Service Committee**

P. Mackesey reported that the Transit Service Committee met on September 22, 2009 and discussed new shelters and the placement of them, the Walmart Agreement, TDP, and policy for new service.

- **Human Resources Committee**

N. Schuler reported that the Human Resources Committee met on September 15, 2009 and discussed hires, separations, current recruiting, EEO report and draft salary grades and salary administration guidelines.

- **City Center Committee**

R. McDaniel reported that the City Center Committee met on September 24, 2009 and discussed resolving the signage for the Green Street Station and concerns from Gimme! Coffee about having enough visibility from the street.

**IX. Next meeting**

D. Cogan announced the next meeting date October 22, 2009 at 4:00 PM.

**X. Attorney's Report**

D. Cogan asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations and contract disputes. The motion was made by N. Schuler; seconded by F. Proto. The motion passed. The Board entered into Executive Session at 5:25 PM. The Board arose from Executive Session at 5:58 PM. No action was taken.

**XI. Adjournment**

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by N. Schuler; and seconded by F. Proto. The meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.