

TRANSIT COMMISSION MINUTES

March 6, 2013

Attendees: Sara Anees, Kevin Hundelt, Erin Howard, Mary Murphy, Peg Livingood, Julie Loring, Robert Nugent, Jeremy Stacy, Marcus Tetwiler, Tomas Lindheimer, Callie Long, Donna Hultine, Danny Kaiser, and Margretta de Vries.

The meeting was called to order at 2:09 p.m.

Reports

Staff

Tetwiler reported that he had tabled with the Jayhawk Buddy System on Wescoe Beach on February 14-15, handing out SafeRide water bottles for completed surveys; more than 1,000 surveys were turned in. Survey results about daytime routes running later were positive, with 70% in favor of this idea. Tetwiler added that if there is anywhere for KU on Wheels to grow, it would be in the 5-6 p.m. window. Kaiser shared additional survey data from a recent city survey about evening service, in which 70% of respondents who wanted later service are riding KU routes, and of those 22% stated the purpose of their trip was class attendance, and 18% had work obligations.

Ridership

Lindheimer reported that while February ridership was not yet complete, information through the 23rd shows that ridership is higher than the same month last year, and seems to be rebounding a bit.

The city and service provider did not have anything to report.

Old Business

Public Meetings

There were not many changes proposed this year, especially compared to the last several years, and there was not a very high turnout at the meetings. In general, we received positive feedback regarding the proposal to extend service to 6:30 p.m., and overwhelming support for keeping the current configuration of route 42 with the change in route numbers to indicate direction. There was discussion about an extension of service being essentially one additional trip on each of the off-campus routes.

The meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m.