



TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED LOCAL COORDINATING BOARD (TDLCB)

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday – August 26, 2010 – 10:00 a.m.

Building B, Conference Room B1-501, 1800 27th Street, Vero Beach, FL 32960

NOTE: Audio/Video Records of the meeting can be found at <http://www.ircgov.com/Boards/TDLCB/2010.htm>

Also, reports referenced with an asterisk * are on file at the Board of County Commissioners and are available upon request.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bob Solari, Chairman	IRC Commissioner District 5
Joel Herman	Veteran's Service Office
William Lundy Parden, Vice Chairman	Rep. for the Handicapped
Cindy Barnes	FL Agency for Health Care Administration
Catherine Viggiano	FL Dept. of Education, Div. Voc. Rehab.
Dr. Harry Hurst	Citizen Advocate Representative
Kathleen "Cookie" Geyer	Citizen Advocate Representative
Laurie Sang	Early Childhood Services
Dalia Dillon	Florida Department of Elder Affairs
George Millar	Public education Representative
Ellen Higinbotham	Department of Children and Families
Sue Rux	Economic Opportunities Council

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jaclyn Meli	FL Dept. of Transportation
Toni Purvis Teresi	Representative for Seniors

OTHERS PRESENT:

Phil Matson	IRC Metropolitan Planning Organization
Karen Wood	Senior Resource Association
Beth Casano	Recording Secretary
April Hargett	IRC Volunteer Ambulance Squad
Karen Deigl	Senior Resource Association

1. The Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Solari at 10:00 a.m.

2. Presentation of Awards

Commissioner Solari announced that the Indian River County MPO had been awarded with the Florida Commission for Transportation Disadvantaged 2010 Designated Official Planning Agency of the Year Award. Mr. Matson was presented with the award on July 14th at the 18th Annual Awards Dinner for being instrumental in administering 100% growth in fixed route transit ridership from 2007 to 2009. The number of costly door-to-door public transportation trips has fallen commensurate with the growth

of the fixed route ridership. With a population of only 140,000, no major transit attractors, low overall densities, and a relatively affluent population, Indian River County's experience is unique. Customer satisfaction, measured continuously, rates the system 4.9 out of 5 for overall satisfaction.

TDLCB Board members, Mr. Pardon and Dr. Hurst were also given awards by the Florida Commission for their dedicated volunteer work. Mr. Matson stated that both gentlemen have worked long and hard for the rights of the transportation disadvantaged in IRC and also pointed out that Mr. Lundy had not missed a single meeting in six years while Dr. Hurst's involvement predates the organization of the board itself.

Board members applauded the three award winners and discussed the strides made by the board over the years. Mr. Matson and Dr. Hurst emphasized that IRC's success is due to the hard work and professional involvement of everyone including: all board members past and present, IRC staff, SRA staff, Volunteer Ambulance Squad, and the voluntary support from Fellsmere and Sebastian.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Clarification of attribution on Page 3, "Dr. Herman believed..." resulted in a correction reading "Mr. Herman believed..."

ON MOTION BY Dr. Hurst and **SECONDED BY Mr. Herman**, the Board unanimously accepted, with correction, the minutes of May 27, 2010 meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ms. Deigl gave a brief update on the bus shelters project. She stated that they are set to have ten manufactured for ten predetermined locations within the county and are thinking of offering sponsorship opportunities to businesses and individuals. Her initial thoughts were two levels of participation, one at six thousand and one at twelve thousand, with five year renewal stipulations.

Dr. Hurst wondered aloud if Publix still had programs set aside with funds for community benefit projects. Ms. Deigl and Ms. Wood discussed their intention to look into various aspects of sponsorships and liabilities. Both stressed that they weren't headed in any one particular marketing direction until the first shelter is installed and functioning. Board members agreed to keep an eye out for Foundations that might wish to support the project.

4. TDLCB CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

(Refer to Agenda Item 1: Presentation of Awards)

5. PLANNING STATUS REPORT

Mr. Matson acknowledged and the board welcomed newest members Cookie Geyer and Dalia Dillon.

6. CTC STATUS REPORT

Ms. Wood gave the CTC Status Report * reflecting a one percent decrease for Community Coach Door to Door service and a twenty percent increase in same for GoLine's Public Transportation while announcing a ten percent reduction of the 5307 county funding for the coming fiscal year even though national trends are showing increased usage of public transportation. She updated the board on the growing opposition of residents of Original Town to the GoLine's Main Transit Hub and assured members that they would address the problems brought to their attention and do their best to alleviate the situation until a permanent site is decided upon.

In conclusion, Ms. Wood felt they were keeping up well with demands and looking forward to the completion of the new maintenance facility

Commissioner Solari emphasized his support of the transportation system and thanked Ms. Wood for working effectively with the public on their concerns with the CTC's expansion efforts.

7. REVIEW OF PROGRESS REPORT*

Mr. Matson reviewed the Progress Report and Reimbursement Invoice #4 for the 2010 Planning Grant.

8. REVIEW OF DRAFT ANNUAL ACTUAL EXPENDITURES REPORT*

Mr. Matson reviewed the draft explaining that the report would now be annual and proceeded to point out statistics that reveal the high level of proficiency in IRC's transportation services.

ON MOTION BY Ms. Viggiano and **SECONDED BY Ms. Barnes**, the Board was unanimous in their approval of the Expenditures Report as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Matson encouraged the board members to attend the upcoming 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan Public Workshops scheduled for Fri. Aug. 27th from 1:30 to 3:30 and Wed. Sept. 8th from 2 to 4. Commissioner Solari reiterated Mr. Matson's encouragement and also suggested that in the coming year, each member try to bring a friend to one or two of the TDLCB meetings in order for more folks to see the efforts behind the results.

As there was no further business, the meeting was **ADJOUNED** at 10:37 a.m.

Attention: An educational tool for present and potential committee members regarding government in the sunshine, public records, and ethics is now available for review on the IRC website –

<http://www.ircgov.com/Boards/SunshinePresentation.pdf>