

MINNESOTA VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
Regular Board Meeting
August 27, 2008 – 4:30 p.m.
Eagan Bus Garage

Board Members Present:

Elizabeth Kautz, Burnsville
William Droste, Rosemount
Ruth Grendahl, Apple Valley
Margaret Schreiner, At Large
Jane Victorey, Savage
Will Branning, Dakota County
Meg Tilley, Eagan
Jon Ulrich, Scott County

Others Present:

Beverley Miller, Executive Director
Michael Abegg, Planner
Tom Bright, Facilities Manager
Barb Ross, Best & Flanagan
Robin Selvig, Customer Relations Manager
Lois Spear, Finance Officer
Steve Mielke, Lakeville Administrator
Tom Lovelace, Apple Valley TWG
Wally Lyslo, At-large Alternate
Glenn Boden, Fleet Maintenance Manager
Arlene McCarthy, Met Council
Rep. Shelley Madore, Apple Valley
Mike Monahan, SRF
Mike Aaron, SRF
Bill Hickey, CDG
Brian Holt, CDG
Jon Hohenstein, Eagan Comm Devel
Sam O'Connell, Dakota County

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Chair Elizabeth Kautz.

II. Public Comments

There were no comments from the public.

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Will Branning and seconded by Margaret Schreiner to approve the agenda.
Motion carried.

IV. Consent Agenda

Motion by Margaret Schreiner and seconded by William Droste to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

V. Old Business

A. BBG Garage Study

Beverley Miller reviewed the materials in the packet that indicate that the first question posed to consultant BWBR was “is it beneficial to continue this process?” It has been determined that the answer is yes, and they have started to draft documents showing a phased approach to acquisition of the Brady Building and future expansion capabilities at the existing garage on Rupp Drive. This was informational only, and the Board will hear from the consultant at our next meeting outlining their review and recommendation.

VI. New Business

A. Apple Valley Stations/Stops Presentation

Beverley Miller introduced the design team from SRF Consulting and Collaborative Design Group, who provided some background materials and boards regarding the potential design of the stops and stations along Cedar Avenue in Apple Valley. Two designed – an angled roof and a rounder roof were presented. There was discussion of the differences between Stops and Stations and the amenities included in each. All will have pedestrian overpasses, with smaller facilities on the southbound sides of the road. To this time, there are no plans for a park & ride at the 140th St. Stop, but Board member Ruth Grendahl spoke of the need for the future. The design team was looking for general comments about the designs and those who verbalized indicated they liked the curved/rounded design better than the angled roof version.

The next step will be to take these materials to the City of Apple Valley and continue the discussion there. The City will be the ultimate decision maker as the sites must fit in with the Apple Valley landscape and development process.

B. CTIB Funding

Beverley Miller provided background about the issue of the Apple Valley Transit Station site (formerly known as Watsons) and how the City, the County, the Met Council, the MVTA and the Department of Finance are all working to reach a satisfactory settlement regarding the ownership of the Apple Valley site. There has been concern about the MVTA’s ability to establish a satisfactory lease if the deed is turned over to the Met council. However, the Met Council is incurring carrying costs of the funds (\$40,000 per quarter) and cannot continue this. Many questions were asked as to why this is so hard and why it is so difficult to get a meeting with the Attorney General’s staff and the Department of Finance. We will redouble our efforts in that regard. Motion by Ruth Grendahl and seconded by Margaret Schreiner to take the language developed by Corrine Heine in her e-mail and put it into action terms (rather than questions) and get the Met Council’s buy in while working to set the meeting with the Finance Department and the AG’s office. The motion included several caveats, including: assuming the deed is turned over to the Met Council, that should legislative action take place, the deed would revert to the MVTA. Further, there was concern about revenues from joint use development reverting to the Met Council and the MVTA Board made it clear that these funds must be used in the operation of the site. Motion carried.

There was discussion about the CTIB application process and who can and can’t apply. There was confusion about political subdivisions and that definition. Will Branning indicated that the rules established by CTIB would allow only the Met Council and Dakota

County to submit applications for funding with CTIB funds to cover the overage at the Apple Valley Transit Station. Motion by Margaret Schreiner and seconded by Jon Ulrich that staff be directed to request forming a partnership with Met Council and Dakota County to participate in the application process for the Apple Valley Transit Station. Motion carried.

Finally, at the request of Arlene McCarthy, there was a Motion by Margaret Schreiner and seconded by Ruth Grendahl to have the MVTA send a letter to CTIB in support of the Met Council's application for funding of the Lakeville Cedar Avenue BRT Service and confirming that the MVTA would be pleased to operate such service. Motion carried.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Finance

Ruth Grendahl noted that the finance committee met and began discussing the assumptions that would be used in developing the budget. Another meeting of the Finance Committee is scheduled for Sept. 8. Bill Droste asked that the issue of "equity" be considered when developing the budget.

B. STA

Beverly Miller noted that the Executive Directors have meet on several occasions and more meetings are scheduled.

VIII. Staff Reports

Robin Selvig offered pictures of the new Cedar Avenue BRT bus that was debuted in the State Fair parade. Four buses are being equipped with this wrap to draw attention to the corridor and the new service in Rosemount.

She also reported on State Fair figured, stating that through Tuesday of the Fair, we were about eight percent above what we ran last year, and service is going smoothly.

Jon Ulrich asked that there be a presentation of the Rosemount Transit Plan at an upcoming Board meeting. He also asked about a UPA update and was directed to the Town Hall Meeting on Sept. 10 at Burnsville City Hall from 6:30-9 p.m.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 6:32 p.m.

Minutes Prepared By: Robin L. Selvig

Next Regular Meeting Scheduled: September 24, 2008, 4:30 p.m. Eagan Bus Garage

All regularly Scheduled Board Meetings will be held on the **FOURTH** Wednesday of the month at the posted time and location unless otherwise notified.

Approved by: _____ Date: _____