

MAPLE GROVE TRANSIT COMMISSION

City of Maple Grove

January 25, 2022

MEETING MINUTES

NO Quorum

Members Present: Teri Anderson and Claudia Hames Newman.

Members Absent: Yolanda Brantley, Matt Nelson, and Mary St. Marie.

Also Present: Mike Opatz, Transit Administrator - City of Maple Grove and Carri Sampson, Assistant Garage Manager – Metro Transit.

A. Call to Order

The Transit Commission Chair Teri Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM. No Quorum was present.

B. Oath of Office

Member Teri Anderson took the Oath of Office for a reappointed term to expire December 31, 2023.

C. Approval of Minutes

None as no quorum was present.

D. Ridership Report

Transit Administrator Opatz stated he would email out ridership, but he noted that express bus ridership is still 70 percent below normal levels, but the MY RIDE service ridership in nearly back to normal.

E. 2021 Review

Transit Administrator Opatz reviewed the major projects, events and issues from the past year, including:

- COVID Impacts on ridership, service, and budget. Driver vaccinations.
- COVID special services on the MY RIDE / AirBubble filters.
- Metro Transit driver hiring outreach.
- MY Ride reservation and service expansion .
- Mobility Hub project and award at Transit Station.
- Electrical Vehicle Charging Stations at the Transit Station.
- Blue Line Extension light rain discussion with Metropolitan Council.
- Age Friendly Transportation Study.
- I-94 road construction impacts and detours.
- MNDOT Hwy 252 freeway conversion impacts to I-94.
- Route 730 local bus service between Brooklyn Park and Maple Grove
- Preparation for Chauvin trial / station board up plans.

F. 2022 Outlook and Pending Projects

Transit Administrator Opatz reviewed the major projects, events and issues for the coming year:

- Express bus service plans for 2022.
- *New downtown* Minneapolis bus layover location.
- Planning for Route 781E branch serving Minneapolis east area.
- Storage room, LED light fixture, and camera projects at the Transit Station.
- MY RIDE service area expansion.

G. Commissioner Reports

The commission members presented their individual reports, questions, or comments during the discussion of the above meeting agenda items.

H. Other Business

No other transit business items came up for discussion.

I. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM with no date set yet for the next meeting.

- Minutes submitted by Mike Opatz, Transit Administrator.