

Minutes
Transportation Commission Meeting
Conference Room- 2700 Week Street
February 26, 2015

Commission members in attendance: Elbert Rackow, Karalyn Peterson, Fred Hopfensperger, Ald. Jeremy Slowinski, Tom Bertram

Excused: Chairperson Nichole Lysne, Ald. Mary Stroik

Others present: Tiffany Praeger- Program Director YMCA, Susan Lemke- Transit Manager

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by the acting Chairperson Elbert Rackow.

1. Approval of the January 22, 2015 Transportation Commission minutes.

Karalyn Peterson moved to approve the minutes from the January 22, 2015 Transportation Commission meeting. Fred Hopfensperger seconded. Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

2. January 2015 financial report.

Ald. Jeremy Slowinski moved to approve the January 2015 financial report. Karalyn Peterson seconded. Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.

3. Summer Freedom Passes.

The Commission discussed offering youth the opportunity to ride Stevens Point Transit fixed route buses free during the 2015 summer break. The Commission felt it would allow youth the opportunity to experience the independence that using public transportation offers, while providing a safe mode of transportation during the summer months. The Commission suggested it be called the, "Youth Ride Free Program". Daycare or school field trip groups would be exempt from the Youth Ride Free program as they are offered reduced fares year round. Fred Hopfensperger indicated he is in favor of moving forward with the new program in lieu of the Summer Freedom Pass program in 2015 but requested that the Summer Freedom Pass program be brought back for discussion in March of 2016. *Karalyn Peterson moved to offer free rides for all youth up to 18 years of age during the 2015 summer break and to review the program in March of 2016. Ald. Jeremy Slowinski seconded. Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.*

4. YMCA youth pass.

Tiffany Praeger, the Teen/Summer Camp Program Director with the Stevens Point Area YMCA presented a proposed partnership project to the Transportation Commission for consideration. The project would involve students in the Stevens Point area going into 7th grade. Students would be sent an invitation to receive a free YMCA membership / free bus pass to and from the YMCA beginning May 2015 through May 2016. The YMCA would create membership cards for participating students. The membership cards would include a YMCA logo as well as a City Bus logo. The member would need to show the Bus Operator the membership card to ride free. The membership card will also have a picture of the person to whom it is assigned. Tiffany shared that transportation is a potential barrier for students wishing to participate in programs at the YMCA. The City Travel Trainer would be available to assist YMCA staff with training students on how to use public transit. *Elbert Rackow moved approval of the YMCA youth pass program for incoming 7th grade students from May 2015 through May 2016; The YMCA will create the pass and submit it to the Transit Manager for approval; The program will be reviewed in March of 2016. Ald. Jeremy Slowinski seconded. Ayes all; Nays none; Motion carried.*

5. Next meeting date.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 26, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

6. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.