



MOUNTAIN AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2021
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Mountain Area Regional Transit Authority's Board of Directors held a Regular meeting on Wednesday, February 17, 2021, via Zoom for all Board members, staff and public due to the current meeting restrictions pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20.

OPEN SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Miller called meeting to order at 10:34 A.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Rodney Shepherd

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VIA ROLL CALL

James Miller, Chair, 3rd Supervisorial District

David Caretto, Vice-Chair, City of Big Bear Lake

Kyle Schulty, Member, 2nd Supervisorial District

Alan Lee, Member, City of Big Bear Lake

Rodney Shepherd, Member At Large

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT

Sandy Benson, General Manager

Karen Wentworth, Clerk of the Board

Mary Hickey, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT

Nancy Strickert, SBCTA

Michelle Kirkhoff, MK Consulting

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comments

CONSENT CALENDAR

Chairman Miller called for any items to be pulled from the Consent Calendar. Vice-Chair Caretto made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar, Board Minutes February 17, 2021, and Items 1-8. Member Shepherd seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Presented by: Sandy Benson

Ms. Benson added to her service report she observed the MT buses are having difficulty navigating through the Village due to heavy traffic and pedestrians. MT staff will research options to re-route the MT buses around the Village for the safety of all.

Chairman Miller suggested we develop an Adhoc Committee to assist in steering the progress of the Big Bear Facility. Ms. Benson welcomed the suggestion and asked for volunteers for the Adhoc Committee. Chairman Miller and Member Schulty agreed to participate on the committee.

Vice-Chair Caretto asked what is planned for the current Crestline administration building on Pioneer Camp Road, Ms. Benson responded that the building will probably be sold. Options will be brought to the Board to discuss. Member Schulty asked about sufficient parking at the new facility. Ms. Benson explained the rendering shows shrubs in the front for cosmetic purposes, but the intent is to pave this area for additional parking. SBCTA offered to help MT staff find an appropriate location for operations and maintenance during the build of the new facility. Member Schulty asked if the bid has been posted. Ms. Benson explained the plans are still pending county approval.

Ms. Benson followed up with John Friel at the hospital after speaking with Member Lee about the potential of extra vaccines. John Friel said Mountain Transit will be put on a list to receive the vaccine.

Member Schulty complimented the postings on Facebook. Ms. Benson responded how pleased MT is with Digital Mountaineers work with MT's social media and website management.

NEW BUSINESS

None

GENERAL COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Administration – Clerk of the Board reminded Board Members to return their completed COI 700 Form. Confirmed with Member Lee regarding the processing of his stipend through auto deposit was successful.

Board Members – Member Lee thanked the GM for the tour of the facility and the formal new Board Member packet and orientation. He stated his concerns regarding traffic as it relates to the slopes and paraphrased the GM's statement that the MT drivers have difficulty navigating the mob in the Village. He stated the City Council is currently discussing TBID/Visit Big Bear and the possibility that there may be funding to help and assist in the mitigation of the traffic. He stated he will be exploring that and would like feedback from the GM on thoughts on a parking facility in the City of Big Bear Lake that may relieve some of the congestion by encouraging our public to ride our buses. Member Lee also made a point to say he is a big fan of the Trolley buses and would encourage the GM to look into purchasing Trolley type buses in the future.

Chairman Miller commented that about 10 years ago, the City looked at the Village traffic plan and the feasibility of having one way south on Bartlett and one way north on Knickerbocker.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Miller adjourned the meeting at 10:56 A.M.

The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 10:30 A.M. Due to current Executive Order N-29-20 this meeting will be available via Zoom for all Board Members, MT Staff and Public.



Karen Wentworth, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AT THE March 17, 2021 BOARD MEETING

Board Meeting of March 17, 2021