

Johnson County Paratransit Advisory Committee

Minutes

August 23, 2022

Present:

Members: Doug Thompson, Vicky Robrock, Jon Green,

Ex-Officio: Roger Goedken, Marc Rahe

Others: Tom Brase, SEATS Director, Angie Conard, Susan Bethel, Laura Bergus, Brock Grenis

Absent:

Members: Jerri Macconell, Eleanor McCleeland

Ex-Officio: Ann Trotter,

Others: Frank Waisath, Ann Crotty, Patty Bahr, Kelly Schnedier, Darian Nagle-Gamm

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1. Call to order: 1:00
 2. Open Discussion: None.
 3. Chairperson's Report:
 - a. Introductions:
 4. Director's Report:
 - a. Surveys are out for this year: Just gave Marc a batch. Waiting until next meeting to do a review.
 - b. ARPA update: Lots of referrals but only one ride (service started August 22). One caller is a SEATS rider so they don't qualify. It was asked if this service is for people waiting for approval to use SEATS and the answer was yes. This service could also be used for agencies that require confidentiality (Domestic Violence). There is a \$5 fee for the service. ARPA funds will help financing to purchase a vehicle.
 - c. SEATS ridership is still around 330 trips each weekday and a little over 50 each Saturday: Pre Covid weekday ridership was 500-550.
 - d. We are still working to get RM Pay, but with our software company RouteMatch being purchased by TripSpark this is still being worked on again: This software would allow riders to make payments on line. Still trying to determine how this will work.
 - e. We are taking applications for Advisory Committee members: This was on the survey. Only person has filled out their name on the survey.
 - f. SEATS now has access to 500 Melrose Ave for dropping off and picking up (UIHC): This location was closed due to Covid.
 5. Updates from those in attendance at the Advisory Committee meeting: Sunday service? Iowa City is going to the city council to give updates. Iowa City Transit is in need of staffing, Sunday service is on hold at this time.
 6. Approval of last meeting's: Approved by Doug T, 2nd by Vicky
 7. Next meeting: November 22 at 1:00 p.m. Johnson County Administration Building

Adjourn 1:15