

Barrington
Thursday, December 23, 2004
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

On Thursday, December 23, 2004 at the Barrington Public Library Auditorium eight (8) members of the public attended and six (6) made oral comments.

Oral comments were provided as follows:

Leo Canuel questioned the need to increase the fares. His concern is about what will happen in the future with budget shortfalls. Will there be service cuts? Will the fares increase again? He said there should be more public support from the State of Rhode Island; the state should find ways to increase funding. Transit should be a priority in Rhode Island; it currently is not.

Maureen McGann questioned why RIPTA was going to eliminate the trolleys and said that she never sees anyone on them. She views them as a waste.

Robert Rouleau, a member of the Gray Panthers, noted the recent drop in oil prices and said RIPTA may be able to save on fuel costs. The fare increase would impact fixed-income and poor people. RIPTA would also be hurt. This is a no win situation.

Irene Santos, President of the Gray Panthers, said the fare increase is a little too high and many people will be upset. The increase will be hard on students and everyone else using the bus.

Richard Leavitt asked about ridership on the trolleys and suggested eliminating the weakest trolley route.

Manuel Santos, a member of the Gray Panthers, said the state should pay a percentage of RIPTA's fuel costs.

No written comments were provided.

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Thursday, December 23, 2004
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

On Thursday, December 23, 2004, at the Barrington Public Library Auditorium no public representatives attended the evening public hearing therefore no oral or written comments were provided.