

RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Special Meeting

MINUTES OF Monday, September 8, 2014 MEETING

Board Members Present: Mayor Scott Avedisian; Jerome Williams; Stephen Durkee; Peter Ginaitt; Margaret Holland McDuff and Mark Susa

Absent: Director Michael Lewis and Maureen Martin

Also Present: Raymond Studley, CEO; Todd Gleason, Outside Counsel; Benjamin Salzillo, In-House Legal; Marie DiToro, Recording Secretary; and other members of RIPTA's staff, and members of the public whose names are on the sign-in sheet.

Agenda Item 1:

Mayor Avedisian calls the meeting to order. He asks if there is anyone who would like to speak under public comment. At the start of the meeting there was no one who wanted to speak. However, Mayor Avedisian did go back to Public Comment prior to adjourning the meeting to hear from Abel Collins.

Mr. Collins would like to speak on behalf of the Coalition for Transportation Choices and they are working hard on "Yes on 6" campaign for transit hubs and he would love to work with any and all Board Members on this.

Mayor Avedisian states that there is a press event on October 6, 2014 for this and will be sure to get all information out to everyone.

Agenda Item 2: **IFB: 14-26: Kennedy Plaza Shelters & Benches Change Order**

Ms. Pettine states that they are seeking approval to award a Change Order to Custom Fabrications for \$93,723.52 for larger shelters and more benches in Kennedy Plaza. This change order will allow for the following changes: a reduction in the number of shelters purchased by two and that is because of the changes to the berth assignments in Kennedy Plaza that have come up since construction process began. Also, an increase in size in eight of the shelters from twenty feet to thirty feet wide and a marginal increase in the size of four of the shelters that will be placed around Burnside park, and four additional sixteen foot freestanding benches that will go in sets of two on Washington and Fulton Streets. Since the construction project began and the contract was awarded to Custom Fabrications there have been modifications made due to not being allowed to have bus berths on Exchange Street across from the Post Office. RIPTA is moving one of those bus berths back to Fulton Street alongside the building and there will be five bus berths (including the park

and ride) across the street. Due to the fact that RIPTA cannot put shelters alongside the building a good solution would be to install benches along each side. Due to the net loss of one berth, for a lack of a better word, RIPTA thinks the 30-foot shelters would better accommodate the passengers and the overall look of the plaza.

Mr. Studley stated that a special meeting had to be held due to lean time and to avoid holding up the City's construction time line.

Mr. Ginaitt asks if snow removal was a focal point in these decisions and does the concrete meet the standard for the salt?

Mr. Studley responds that last week there was a meeting with Cardi to discuss the different types of concrete, and due to the magnitude of the space, they are looking to hire a third party Quality Assurance Company to be on site as well. Snowmelt will be around the existing building. They are meeting with Alan Sepe to finalize these plans.

Mr. Williams asks Ms. Pettine with the reduction of two shelters he assumes that there is a reduction in the cost; and is that reduction reflected in the \$93,723.52 that RIPTA is asking for and Ms. Pettine responds, yes, it is.

Agenda Item 3: Adjournment

Mr. Durkee makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Ginaitt seconds and it passes unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie DiToro
Recording Secretary