



**Future Planning & Technology Committee Members**

Rosalynn Bliss      Gary Carey      Jack Hoffman      Robert Postema      Terry Schweitzer (Chair)  
Citizen Members:      Ryan Anderson      Dave Bulkowski

**FUTURE PLANNING & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

**Monday, November 4, 2019 – 8 a.m.**

**Rapid Administrative Office, 300 Ellsworth Avenue, SW**

**AGENDA**

	<u>PRESENTER</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
1. <b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b>		
2. <b>MINUTES</b> – Previous board minutes are unavailable	Terry Schweitzer	Approval
3. <b>DISCUSSION</b>		
a) Update on Paratransit Pilot Program		
b) Express Service to Holland / Hudsonville		
c) COA Update		
d) Wave Card Update		
e) Review past year / Discuss future year plans		
f) Review committee meeting schedule for 2020		
4. <b>ADJOURNMENT</b>		

Next meeting: January 13, 2020

**MINUTES OF  
FUTURE PLANNING & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE  
September 9, 2019**

ATTENDANCE

Committee Members:

Jack Hoffman

Terry Schweitzer

Robert Postema

Rosalynn Bliss

Paul Troost

Citizen Committee Members:

Ryan Anderson

Dave Bulkowski

Staff Members:

Andrew Johnson

Brian Pouget

Shannon Radke

Dina Reed

Max Dillivan, Bill Kirk, Asher Lockwood, Conrad Venema, Mike Wieringa

Guests: Andy Guy (Downtown Grand Rapids, Inc.)

Mr. Schweitzer called the meeting to order at 8:01am.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – No public comment

- 1) **MINUTES** – May 6, 2019  
No changes. Minutes accepted as submitted.

**2) DISCUSSION**

**a. Grand Rapids Mobility Initiatives – Presentation/Q&A (Andy Guy, Downtown Grand Rapids Inc)**

Mr. Schweitzer introduced fellow ITP Board Member Andy Guy, Downtown Grand Rapids Inc.

Mr. Guy used an excerpt from the Grand Rapids Downtown Master Plan, Goal 3-Implement a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Mobility Strategies, as an outline for his presentation.

- Look at the downtown area to provide a “stress free” experience for all ages and abilities by improving safety and the quality of the pedestrian experience.

- Reconfigure Dash Services in terms of alignment, frequency and hours of service.

- Rename parking services and expand its scope to include all mobility options for residents, employees and visitors.

- Introduce new and enhanced mobility options including bike share, car share, e-scooter, paratransit and incentivize transit use including free downtown service at all bus stops along the way.

- Complete/improve street network in and out of the downtown including making it bike friendly, “curb management”.

Discussion ensued. Hoffman indicated that he had previously served on the Grand Rapids Parking Commission and he lauded the re-naming to parking services as well as expanding the scope to include mobility options. Guy stated that DGRI had undertaken some extensive research into bike share, e-scooter and car share but implementation had been deferred pending the completion of the COA. The recent changes to the DASH service alignment, frequency and hours were considered to be a success as well as the free transit service in the downtown area.

- b. COA Update**

- c. TOD Grant Update**

- d. Wave Card Deployment**

- e. RAPID on Demand**

Bulkowski inquired about the status of the 6-month pilot program for on demand paratransit service. Pouget indicated that the service was initiated in late July so it was too early to offer any perspectives.

**3) Next Meeting-** November 4, 2019

Summary of December 5, 2018 Committee Discussion

**Future Planning & Technology**

View of Responsibilities-

- Resolve Rte 19
- Bring Silverline to full potential
- On Demand Service Expansion
- Expansion of Technology
- Last mile service
- Partner with local communities on Transit Oriented Development
- Establish and draw upon partnerships: ie Mobile GR, Hudsonville, Philanthropic
- Define mobility with a regional focus
- Draw upon Align Study, identified needs based on public input, and use COA to figure out how to implement
- Maximize revenues, and do more with what we have

COA

- Specify goals and principles

Goals

Increase ridership

Improve and achieve on-time performance

Long term regional focus

Increase market share

Principles

Coverage, frequency, balance between current and future services, gaps in service, mobility issues, continued public outreach, cross town routes, fixed route and on demand service combinations, collaborative approach involving land use/zoning/transit, providing a better product /service

- Cost, Time to complete and when to start

\$500,000 budgeted, plan for up to 18 months to complete and start this spring.



**2020 MEETING SCHEDULE (PROPOSED)**

**RAPID BOARD MEETING**

Location: Rapid Central Station Conference Room  
Time: 4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. (Wednesdays)  
January 29 (Annual Meeting / Election of Officers)  
March 25  
April 22  
June 24  
August 26  
September 30  
October 28  
December 2

**RAPID BOARD SPECIAL MEETINGS**

**Board Planning Meeting**

May 13, 2020  
Location: Rapid Central Station Conference Room  
Time: 1:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.

**Board Budget Meeting**

July 22, 2020  
Location: Rapid Central Station Conference Room  
Time: 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.

**FUTURE PLANNING & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

Location: Rapid Ellsworth Conference Room  
Time: 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. (Mondays)  
February 17  
May 18  
August 17  
November 9

**PRESENT PERFORMANCE & SERVICE COMMITTEE**

Location: Rapid Ellsworth Conference Room  
Time: 4 p.m. – 5 p.m. (Tuesdays)  
February 18  
May 19  
August 18  
November 10

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Location: Rapid Ellsworth Conference Room  
Time: 4 p.m. – 5 p.m. (Wednesdays)  
February 12  
May 13  
August 12  
November 4

**CONSUMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR SENIORS & PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

Location: Rapid Ellsworth Conference Room  
Time: 3 p.m. – 4 p.m. (Tuesdays)  
January 7                      June 2  
February 18                  August 4  
March 24                      September 23  
May 5                              November 17

**MEETING LOCATIONS:**

Rapid Central Station Conference Room: 250 Grandville Avenue, SW; Grand Rapids, MI 49503  
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