

Thomas Jefferson Regional Transit Partnership

February 25, 2021

4:00 p.m.

Via Zoom Conference Call

(Video of full meeting can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bX0AybwG8DY&feature=youtu.be>)

Committee – Voting Members

Diantha McKeel, *Albemarle Co - Chair*
Lloyd Snook, *City of Charlottesville*
Lucas Ames, *JAUNT Urban- Vice Chair*
Randy Parker, *JAUNT Rural (Louisa)*
Bea LaPisto-Kirtley, *Albemarle County*
Nikuyah Walker, *City of Charlottesville*
Neil Sherman, *DRPT*
Becca White, *UTS (absent)*

Non-Voting & Alternates

Karen Davis, *JAUNT*
Brad Sheffield, *JAUNT (absent)*
Garland Williams, *CAT*
Juwhan Lee, *CAT*
Trevor Henry, *Albemarle County*
Kim McManus, *PVCC (absent)*
Jim Foley, *ACPC*
Alison DeTuncq, *CTB (absent)*
Chris Rowland, *JAUNT (absent)*
Sally LeBeau, *UVA Hospital*

Staff & Other

Christine Jacobs, *TJPDC*
Sara Pennington, *Rideshare/TJPDC*
Jessica Hersh-Ballering, *TJPDC*
Sandy Shackelford, *TJPDC*
Lucinda Shannon, *TJPDC*
Gretchen Thomas, *TJPDC*
Jody Saunders, *JAUNT*
Kevin McDermott, *Albemarle County*
Andy Bowman, *Albemarle County*
Allison Wrabel, *The Daily Progress*
Ben Chambers, *Connetics*
J'riah Guerrero
Jim Baker, *Connetics*
Marnissa Claflin
Matthew Anderson
Mike Sisler
Peter Krebs, *Piedmont Environmental Council*
Peter Thompson, *CAA*
Robin Munson
Sean Tubbs

Call to Order

Ms. McKeel called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Ms. McKeel read the legal statement allowing the meeting to be held virtually/electronically due to circumstances beyond the RTP's control. She also described the guidelines by which the meeting would proceed.

Matters from the Public

None

TJPDC Update

Ms. McKeel introduced Christine Jacobs as TJPDC's new Interim Executive Director. Ms. Shackelford will be sitting as staff for the MPO and Ms. Hersh-Ballering will be sitting as the staff for the RTP.

Minutes from October 22, 2020

Mr. Snook noted that Ms. LaPisto-Kirtley's name was misspelled on the first page in the list of voting members present. Mr. Williams noted on page 4 that the acronym should be corrected from "ACP" to "APC."

Mr. Snook made a motion to approve the minutes as amended from the October 22nd meeting. Mr. Parker seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Membership

Ms. Hersh-Ballering proposed a new agenda packet process. She said she would be sending a calendar invitation one week before the meeting that includes the Zoom information, a link to the website with the full packet and there will be no attachments. There will also be an email reminder that will include the full packet and the Zoom meeting information.

Ms. Hersh-Ballering said that she updated the website to identify the chair and vice chair, voting member information, and removed non-voting members who have not recently attended RTP meetings.

Ms. Davis made a note that Jaunt is no longer printed in all caps. As part of their rebranding, they have changed the look of the name with just the "J" capitalized.

New Non-Voting Member Request

Ms. Hersh-Ballering said there is a request to include the Charlottesville Area Alliance (CAA) representative, Mr. Peter Thompson, on the board as a non-voting member.

Mr. Thompson introduced himself to the board.

Mr. Parker made a motion to accept CAA and Mr. Thompson onto the RTP as a non-voting member. Ms. LaPisto-Kirtley seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

DRPT Tech Assistance Grants

Albemarle County Transit Expansion Feasibility Study & Implementation Plan

Ms. Hersh-Ballering gave a summary of the grant. The timeline is 10 months from the signed agreement until 12-31-21. The next steps include a selection team choosing a consulting firm. Public outreach will be a major component, as well as a needs assessment for the study area, creating a feasibility study, and finally, implementation.

Ms. McKeel noted that Albemarle County will give an update to the RTP because the grant is County-focused. Mr. Snook said the City will be working on a grant award that will overlap with the County. He said there will need to be communication between the two regions as the grant projects move forward.

Charlottesville & Albemarle Regional Transit Vision Plan

Ms. Hersh-Ballering gave a summary of the grant that includes the City, the County and UVA. She reviewed the short-term, long-term and extended long-term actions. The timeline is 18 months and ends June 30, 2022. She reviewed next steps and noted that the scope of work is included in the meeting packet.

Appoint Selection Committee

Ms. Hersh-Ballering said she recommended the Selection Committee for this grant be from Albemarle County, City of Charlottesville, CAT, Jaunt, UVA, TJPDC, and the City's Department of Equity & Inclusion.

Ms. LaPisto-Kirtley made a motion to approve the selection committee per Ms. Hersh-Ballering's recommendation. Mr. Snook seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Stakeholder Subcommittee

Ms. Hersh-Ballering presented the Board a list of potential organizations to be included on the subcommittee for the City's grant. After much discussion, it was the consensus that she whittle down the list to include groups that represent the system without having too many representatives in the committee. She will work on the list and get back with the Board.

2021 Meeting Schedule

Ms. Hersh-Ballering presented the proposed meeting schedule date changes to the committee, (handout in the meeting packet) and it was approved by the board by consensus.

Connectics Presentation

Jim Baker with Connectics presented the Board with the data collected from CAT for the last 6+ months using their APC system installed on some of the transit vehicles. The introduction by Mr. Williams and presentation by Mr. Baker starts at minute 57:00 of the recorded video found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bX0AybwG8DY&feature=youtu.be>

Mr. Williams noted that he can offer this presentation to Albemarle County if they want to see it. He also said he would send the presentation to the Board.

Other Business

Ms. McKeel noted that the next meeting is on March 25 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Ms. McKeel adjourned the meeting at 5:57 p.m.