

MINUTES OF THE ADA COMMITTEE MEETING FEBRUARY 9, 2022

**GREATER PEORIA MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT
2105 N.E. Jefferson Avenue, Peoria, Illinois 61603**



DATE: Wednesday, February 9, 2022

PLACE: *Greater Peoria Mass Transit District Offices*

PRESENT:

Patti Sterling Polk	CityLink Trustee & Program Chair
Doug Roelfs	CityLink General Manager
Ken Boddie	CityLink, Operations & Planning Director
ShamRA Robinson	CityLink Assistant Director of Operations
Angel Marinich	Transdev General Manager
Jodi Scott	Advocates for Access
Chris Mitchell	Passenger (virtual)
Reema Abi-Akar	Tri County Regional Planning
Dawn Harper	EP!C
Melodi Green	City of Peoria Chief Diversity & Inclusion Officer
Jamie Blatti	RLS & Associates
Courtney Roberts	OSF/Senior World

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1&2. Call to Order & Introduction of attendees: The meeting was called to order by Trustee and Committee Chair Patti Sterling Polk at 1:00 PM on February 9, 2021. Everyone introduced themselves and the meeting began.

3. Approval of Minutes:

Trustee Patti Sterling Polk, Program Chair, brought forth the minutes from the December 8, 2021 ADA meeting for approval. **Angel Marinich made a motion to approve, and Reema Abi-Akar seconded the motion. Motion Passed.**

4. Updates from ADA Committee Members

Patti stated that they all talked about various ideas and an idea for a great event! We want to involve as many of our partners as we can. We spoke about an event in July. Patti has spoken to Illinois Central College about the use of the college for the event. She put it out to the Committee as to the dynamics of the actual event The date chosen for the event will be July 26, 2022. The consensus was also a weekday from about 5-7 PM. Emily stated that we should be able to add CityLift to our free ride day that we already have established which is April 20. Angel spoke about the transitional fair she attended at Dunlap. Patti established that the attendees of the committee all have resources to share with the disabled community and hopes all will have a table at the event to showcase their particular specialty. Various members spoke about resources they felt could also be included. The Center for the Blind and Visually impaired were mentioned as well as We Care, AARP, CWTC and ITAC for people who need assistance with hearing. ShamRA also mentioned Workforce Development. Jamie mentioned a connection with ITAC and the amplified phones. Patti will also work with the City of Peoria and ICC. It was also discussed to have all manner of our vehicles there on display. Jamie discussed possibly securing monies from IDOT and will discuss with Doug and Christine. We shall meet back at the regular meeting April 13 and see where we are with what we have discussed today. Monies and grants were also discussed to see if there is "something" out there that could be utilized.

Chris has done some work on negative feedback which she will discuss next time.

5. Public Comments:

There are none for this meeting

6. New Business

Angel stated across the country Transdev is deploying "Mobileye" and should be completed soon at no cost to the district. It is a safety feature-enhanced driver assistance system. It "sees" before the driver sees.

ShamRA is working with Emily to enhance our CityLink website and individuals will be able to fill out a CityLift application online now.

7. Adjourned at 2:00 PM

The next scheduled meeting will be April 13, 2022 at CityLink, Community Room, at 2105 NE Jefferson, Peoria, Illinois

By: Patti Sterling Polk
Patti Sterling Polk, Program Chair