

**MINUTES OF THE PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT MEETING APRIL 22, 2021**

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

**1. Call to Order** The meeting was called to order by Chris Ahart, PDC Chair at 11:01 AM on April 22, 2021.

**2. Receipt and Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the November 19, 2020 meeting were presented for approval. **Martha Howarter made the motion to approve, and Emily Watson seconded. Motion Passed.**

**3. New Business:**

**A. Community Service Request: Wildlife Prairie Park**

Jen Funk, Vice President of Development and Marketing at Wildlife Prairie Park, talked to the group about access to the Park. A struggle they have is that there is no transportation access unless you have your own vehicle. They are looking to form a partnership with CityLink for a one day a week visit, and that day would be Sunday. Individuals would be dropped off at the visitor center, then picked up later in the day. The departure would most likely be originating from the Transit Center. Then the last bus could leave the Park at about 5:00 PM. This is planned to begin in May for Mothers Day. This will be discussed further with the PDC Group and CityLink will reach back out to Jen. Questions were brought up about how the ticketing would work and how it will be coordinated. **Emily Watson made a motion to further discuss this issue and Yokita Johnson seconded the motion. Motion Passed.**

**4. New Business: Old Business**

**Plans to move forward with the Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA)**

A study was done a couple of years ago to look at our routes and service, trying to build the system so we would have more frequency of service and not lose our routes. And, we wanted this to be cost neutral . . . not costing us any more. Now, it looks like we may have a reduction of cost, and possibly not have some routes as frequent. We have now added AVAIL and now we have a glitch in passenger counters and fare boxes working. We want the AVAIL system running correctly. We may have another round of public hearings however. Also, some of the Microtransit study may affect this as well depending what the Microtransit study finds.

Meeting adjourned at 11:56 AM

The next tentative scheduled PDC Meeting is September 9, 2021

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Chris Ahart, PDC Chair