

TAC Meeting 6/24/2010

Meeting commenced at 7:25 pm

Attendees: Franny Osman, Jim Citro, Bengt Muten, Mike Gowing, Michael Fisher

Review and approval of minutes from meetings in 2009:

June 15

July 23

Question: Can we address topics that are not on the agenda of a particular meeting?

Answer (Mike Gowing): Agenda must be posted no later than 2 business days before the meeting. Agenda can include "New Business" and "Old Business," allowing for discussion of items not on the agenda. But all discussion must be included in the minutes.

Bike Racks:

What does it cost to install a bike rack?

Bike racks themselves are free using funds from MAPC.

First step should be to submit request to state for a number of bike racks and see how many we get. After receiving the racks we can then look for sponsors for installation.

Jim Citro volunteers to contact Loutzenheiser at MAPC to find out the procedure for applying for bike racks and likely number of bike racks we might receive.

Review of MAPC complicated instructions for applying and receiving reimbursement for bike racks.

Discussion of site plan special permit application

Proposal seems fine. TAC approves.

Review of train station plan:

TAC does not need to take any action. We will keep in touch with Jim Yarin for further developments.

Minute Van update

Agreed-upon name is Minute Van

Franny says there also is a new logo

We also have parking lot signs.

Starting rail shuttle at end of June

It will be a soft start to accommodate need to begin using Natural Gas vehicle in accordance with grant for it.

Shuttles will be visible at NARA Park on July 4th.

Also possible to promote service during celebration on July 3 of 275th anniversary.

Parking at West Acton Fire Station is approved for start date (roughly 35 spaces).

Board of Directors at 133 Prospect Street has approved 10 parking spaces.

(Eventually aiming for total of 56 spaces.)

Final approval at 133 Prospect Street will not occur until mid-July.

Michelle Brooks and Transaction Associates is doing all the work.

Recent meeting of regional Minute Van group decides to ask Ed Carr of MetroWest RTA to attend next meeting
Discussion of advantages and disadvantages of continuing relationship with LRTA
Mo Khan of MART is also a useful contact.

Future Goals

Franny sees need for a Rt 27 bus route, possibly from Chelmsford to Sudbury, and thinks we could use money from our assessment

Alternative is to use the bus from Lowell that now goes to Littleton on 2A and route it to Maynard

Need transit service from Lowell for employees in small businesses in Acton

Franny proposes that TAC ask MPO to study whether there is need for public transportation by some route between Westford and Maynard

Mike Gowing: still issues relative to use of funds earned at train station

What is the future of this shuttle, particularly the Dial-A-Ride? What is the demand going to be? We have many more questions than answers at this point. Main goal for TAC now should be to make the shuttle a success.

A concern is that town should not raise rates for parking beyond a reasonable level.

Next meeting will be Thursday, July 15th

Meeting adjourns at 9:35 p.m.