

**SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA TRANSIT DISTRICT
ACCESSIBILITY TASK FORCE**

Minutes (AMENDED)

January 25, 2018

1. Self-Introductions of Members, Staff and Guests

Members:

Janet Abelson
Randall Glock
Janice Armigo Brown
Peter Crockwell
Don Queen – (ABSENT)
Hale Zukas
Clarence Fischer
Gerry Newell
Herb Hastings – (ABSENT)
Alan Smith
Larry Bunn
Roland Wong
Esperanza Diaz-Alvarez
Debby Leung – (ABSENT)
Catherine Callahan
Valerie Buell
Chris Mullin

BART Staff present: Bob Franklin, Elena VanLoo

Directors, Speaker(s), Guest Staff, and Guests of the Public:

Director Robert Raburn (BART Board of Director)
Carl Orman (BART staff)
Laura Timothy (BART staff)
Tim Chan (BART staff)
Naomi Armenta (Guest)
Brandon Young (Guest)
Mussie Gebre (Guest)
Emily Wikins (Guest)
Christina Lasson (Guest)
Jacqueline Uranga (Guest - DRA)
Wendy Yu (Guest)
Jerry Grace (Guest)
Audra Sysum (Antioch Alive – Guest)
Nickole Bouslog (Antioch Alive – Guest))
Jason Parks (Antioch Alive - Guest)
Heidi Cash (CIL Berkeley - Guest)

Lisa Washington (ASL Interpreter)
Daisy Moore (ASL Interpreter)
Janice Dispo (Stenographer)

2. Public Comments

Mussie Gebre shared his concerns regarding deaf/blind people getting help and/or support from station agents, and the difficulties they face.

3. Approval of October 26, 2017 and December 13, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Roland Wong moved to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2017 meeting, with a second by Alan Smith.

Motion carries with one abstention from Larry Bunn, and noes from Peter Crockwell and Hale Zukas.

Hale Zukas stated that he voted against the minutes as he would prefer to see more details included within it.

Alan Smith moved to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2017 meeting, with a second by Janet Abelson.

Motion carries with abstentions from Larry Bunn and Brandon Young, and noes from Peter Crockwell and Hale Zukas.

4. BATF Holiday Reception - Debrief

Esperanza Diaz-Alvarez introduced the item and started by thanking all who were involved in organizing the reception and ensuring its success. She then invited members to share any questions, comments or suggestions they had.

Some of the comments shared:

- it was a well-attended event
- staff was very helpful with helping members get to the meeting room
- staff made sure some members were picked up by their Paratransit rides
- keep better track of guest list; make sure invites get sent to more staff
- performance or show for future receptions
- members appreciated the by-law review; hope it can be done yearly

No opposition to Alan Smith's motion to hold specially scheduled BATF meetings for November (Wednesday, November 14); and December (Wednesday, December 12) 2018, with a second by Esperanza Diaz-Alvarez.

Motion passes unanimously.

5. BART Homeless Effort Update

After the update given by Tim Chan, members were allowed to ask questions and/or share any concerns they had.

6. Station Access Mitigation Plan – Elevator outages or when entrances are blocked

After the presentation by Laura Timothy and Naomi Armenta, members were allowed to ask questions and/or share any concerns they had.

A discussion was held

7. BART Accessibility Improvements Program

After the presentation given by Carl Orman, members were allowed to ask questions and/or share any concerns they had.

A discussion was held.

8. BART Elevator Lobby LED Lighting Improvement Updates

After the update given by Carl Orman, members were allowed to ask questions and/or share any concerns they had.

9. Chairperson Announcements

Randall Glock announced that a BART police representative will be coming to a future meeting to give an update on the General Disabilities Awareness booklet. He is working on getting some construction tours scheduled.

The BART Board retreat is scheduled for February 8th and 9th. Travel reimbursement has been approved for members who are interested in attending.

10. Staff Announcements

Elena Vanloo gave a further update regarding the General Disabilities Awareness booklet. She relayed that Officer Hofstein stated that he is not personally aware of any issues or incidents in the field, and that officers tend to keep reference guides in their beat bag or locker for reference.

11. Member Announcements

Alan Smith provided a few project updates.

According to the East Bay Times, the construction project at Richmond BART entrance is complete.

The opening of the Milpitas and Berryessa stations has been pushed back to later in the year instead of in June, as originally planned.

The San Jose twin bore tunnel issue is expected to be resolved by April.

12. Future Agenda Topics

- Update on hearing loops on Warm Springs line

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting of **Thursday, February 22, 2018, at 2:00 p.m., at 1750 Broadway, Oakland, California.**

(The meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.)