

A meeting of the Royal Oak Transit Task Force was held on Tuesday April 3, 2018, in the city hall, 211 Williams, Royal Oak. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Donigan at 6:02 p.m.

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Chairperson	Marie Donigan	Ilene Orlanski
	Brian Cook	
	Paul Curtis	
	Sharlan Douglas, Mayor Pro Tem	
	Rebecca Maas	
	David Woodward, Oakland County Commissioner	

Also present was James Krizan, Assistant to the City Manager and Judy Davids, Community Engagement Specialist.

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INTRODUCTIONS

The members introduced themselves.

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Maas
Seconded by Cook

Be it resolved, the agenda is hereby approved.

Adopted unanimously

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Woodward
Seconded by Maas

Be it resolved that the minutes of March 13, 2018 and March 20, 2018 are hereby approved.

Adopted unanimously

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REVISED TRANSIT SCENARIO

Chairperson Donigan presented the proposed Modified "ROGO Min" Concept. The concept is the same cost as the original ROGO Min Concept and doubles the Senior Transportation Funding. Routes will travel up Crooks to 14 Mile through Coventry Club, around the Middle School, High School, Senior Center and Salter Center, with a route down 13 Mile Rd possibly extending to Berkley. The 430 Main Street bus will add one additional bus, running every 30 minutes with evening and weekend hours. SMART representatives are working on a funding proposal which we will be presented later. The members agreed that the Concept looked great as a start, will focus on minor changes as it moves forward.

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PUBLIC TRANSIT / DOWNTOWN PARKING

Community Engagement Specialist Davids and Ms. Donigan proposed that the connector buses that are currently leased by the city could provide shuttle services from outlying parking lots to the Farmers Market while downtown parking lots are closed during construction. Ms. Davids suggested wrapping the buses with a bus wrap so they are easily identifiable and would also get citizens familiar with transit transportation.

Moved by Douglas
Seconded by Curtis

Be it resolved that the Transit Task Force recommends that the city staff and city commission work with Robert Kramer to develop a transit program using the connector buses the city leases from SMART to address construction related parking concerns beginning the Spring of 2018;

Be it further resolved the Transit Task Force recommends that the city develop a distinctive bus wrap as well as information sheets, maps and appropriate directional signage.

Adopted unanimously

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PROPOSED OPEN HOUSE

The members discussed hosting an open house on a Saturday for a couple of hours. Mr. Woodward liked the idea that there could be five or six stations focused on one area of questions that might come up. Ms. Donigan, Mr. Woodward, Mr. Curtis, Ms. Davids, Mr. Krizan will work on plans for the event. The tentative date is scheduled for May 12, 2018.

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FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

The next meeting will be scheduled on Tuesday April 17, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Janice Wagman, 600 Wellesley, stated her concerns with the suggested route along Lincoln and would like to see it extend east more, toward Stephenson Highway The route north of 13 Mile Rd and west of Woodward looked like the walk to a bust stop is longer than a half mile.

Mr. Clive Brown, 1010 Whitcomb, presented a hand out to the task force members and stated that he thinks senior citizen transportation and school pick up/drop off should be separate functions from this concept. He also has concerns about keeping mass transit on major streets and keeping it off residential streets.

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ADJOURNMENT

By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Melanie Halas, City Clerk /db