

POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
September 15, 2005

MINUTES

Mr. Kauffman called the meeting to order at 10:53 a.m. Present were: Mr. Dana Kauffman, Chairman Mr. Robert J. Smith, Mr. Christopher Zimmerman, Mr. Jim Graham, Mr. Charles Deegan, Mrs. Gladys W. Mack, Mrs. Catherine Hudgins

I. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved without comment.

II. Action Items:

A. Riders Advisory Committee (RAC)

The Committee considered one action item, the approval of the creation of a Riders Advisory Committee (RAC), along with bylaws and standards of conduct associated with the RAC. Mr. Graham moved staff's recommendation and Mr. Zimmerman seconded the motion.

Mr. Zimmerman inquired about the status of the hiring process for staff support of the RAC. Leona Agouridis (AGM .COM) explained that this issue has been resolved.

Mr. Kauffman thanked Debra Johnson, Director of the Office of Project Communications and Mark Pohl of the General Counsel's office for their contributions to the efforts to create the RAC. Mrs. Mack offered her congratulations to the Chair for moving forward on the RAC. Mr. Graham stated that the real challenge is to identify good, motivated people for the RAC and encouraged staff to work with media so that the public is aware of the creation of the RAC. Mr. Kauffman asked staff to review a letter sent by MetroRiders.org which inquired about the reasons for requiring certain provisions in the RAC's standards of conduct. Carol O'Keefe of COUN explained that the standards of conduct provide flexibility for reimbursement of expenses if such reimbursement is required in the future. The intent of the provision about which MetroRiders.org was inquiring was for future flexibility.

III. Subsequent Policy and Legislative Committee Agenda

Mrs. Mack stated that she has received a proposal to institute public comment before the Budget Committee and requested that this issue be discussed at a future Policy and Legislative Committee meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m. and the committee convened in executive session.

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