

**WMATA
Riders' Advisory Council
Chair's Report
May 30, 2014**

Here's what I've been up to as Chair, RAC, since the May 14, Report to the Board that is attached to this Report.

Hiring Of RAC Staff Coordinator

Barbara Hermanson, Vice Chair (VA); and I met with Loyda Sequeira to review and provide input on the proposed questions for panel interviews of the five candidates presented to the Hiring Committee by the Office of Human Resources. (Because the scheduling of the interviews was later than originally planned, neither Karen Lynch, Vice Chair (MD) nor Barbara was able to be part of the interview panel.)

The Hiring Committee panel, consisted of Loyda Sequeira, Board Secretary and Supervisor; LaRisa Alexander, Special Assistant to the GM; Maria Carrasquillo from Talent Management and I. We interviewed and assessed four candidates over two days. (One candidate declined 15 minutes before her interview was to begin.) Tracy Scott from the Office of Human Resources, was present, but as an observer of the process.

Two finalists had an additional one-on-one interview by Loyda. A final decision on an offer is pending. I am confident that John Pasek's replacement will serve the RAC and the WMATA Board well. We do plan to have a formal acknowledgement of John's service to the RAC when his replacement reports.

Collaboration With Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC):

I also attended the May 19 meeting of the MetroAccess Committee of the AAC. I subsequently submitted written comments (as an individual, not as a representative of the RAC) on one of their major projects: an update of the *Customer Guide To Accessing Metrobus and Metrorail Services for Customers With Disabilities and Senior Citizens*.

As a result of WMATA staff asking to be scheduled for a presentation to the RAC on signage, I had an 'aha' moment and proposed that this could be an ideal topic for a joint meeting with the AAC. WMATA Staff has arranged for that to happen on Monday, June 9 from 5 to 6 pm. I am hoping that many RACers can make this meeting. It will be held during the regularly-scheduled meeting of the Bus and Rail Committee, AAC. More on this during Announcements.

I plan to continue attending or listening to AAC meetings.

RAC Meetings

The RAC Leadership Team and Committee Chairs met May 15 to develop a master schedule of deliverables which will help us plan presentations and requests for information in a way that will be more efficient for the RAC and the WMATA Staff.

Karen Lynch, Barbara Hermanson and I had a brief RAC Leadership Team meeting on May 15. We scheduled RAC Leadership Team meetings for the rest of the year. They will be the Monday after the regular RAC Meeting from 12 noon to 1 pm. They will be held by teleconference.

I attended the Governance Committee Meeting on May 28, chaired by Karen Lynch, Vice Chair (MD). She'll cover the content in her report.

Other WMATA Meetings

I attended the May 22 meeting of the Board. I had the opportunity to personally congratulate the Metro Transit Police Department on the significant reduction in Metro crime. There are a few hard copies of the May 22 Safety & Security Committee meeting presentation where the crime reduction is analyzed. You can also obtain these on the WMATA website.

Other Business

A very special thank you to Loyda Sequeira who has assumed responsibility for staff support to the RAC until a replacement for John Pasek is on board. She has been present at every meeting and worked on virtually every activity cited in this Report and others.

A very special thank you to the RAC Leadership Team and the Committee Chairs who have done a lot of work to get our work done.