

Minutes
Central Indiana Regional Transportation Authority (CIRTA)
January 28, 2011
Metropolitan Indianapolis Board of Realtors (MIBOR)
1912 N. Meridian St.
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Members Present:

Chuck Fewell
Mike Terry
Jerry Bridges
Larry Hesson
Linda Sanders
Ron Deer
Rob Thoman
Christine Altman
Marta Moody

Joe Billerman
Gil Holmes
Sue Ritz

Members Absent:

David George
Bill Kirchoff
Bob Sterrett
Don Adams
Ben Ledo

Staff:

Ehren T. Bingaman
Christy Campoll

Public Present:

Sean White
Jen Thomas
Rick Cockrum
Judy Ripley
Anna Tsyckiewicz

A quorum was recognized and the meeting was called to order at 9:03 AM. The members of the board introduced themselves to the public that was present.

The minutes of the December 15, 2010 meeting of the CIRTA board were presented for consideration by J. Bridges. *C. Fewell moved to accept the minutes, J. Bridges seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.*

The floor was opened for nominations. C. Fewell nominated Christine Altman for President, J. Bridges seconded. S. Ritz nominated Chuck Fewell for Vice-President, J. Bridges seconded. S. Ritz nominated Jerry Bridges for Secretary, C. Fewell seconded. G. Holmes nominated Bill Kirchoff for Treasurer, S. Ritz seconded. No other nominations were made. *The slate was elected unanimously for a one year term each.*

E. Bingaman presented the financial activity statement for 1/1/2010 through 12/31/2010. E. Bingaman noted that there were insufficient funds within the 2010 budget to transfer between characters in order to cover a \$1,154 variance in consulting expenses, but that the amount will be covered by cash reserves. E. Bingaman then presented Claim # 110128 for payment. R. Deer asked if Miller Trailways has indicated how long they are willing to provide the Indy Express Bus service and if they are breaking even financially. E. Bingaman stated that John Miller has told us that he needs a ridership of 200 people (400 trips) per day in order to break even. C. Campoll reported that an average of 130 people (260 trips) currently use the service each day and that ridership is expected to increase after it becomes possible for tickets to be purchased through transit benefit spending accounts. J. Billerman stated that a \$10,000 expense on Indy Express Bus should come out of the \$50,000 contribution by Hamilton County to CIRTA in 2010. J. Bridges stated that CIRTA spending on Indy Express Bus is valuable regardless of the source of funds because we are making a regional choice rider service work. *S. Ritz moved to adopt the year-end financial statement. L. Hesson seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. S. Ritz moved to pay Claim #110128. J. Bridges seconded. The motion carried unanimously*

Further discussion of Indy Express Bus followed the approval of the financial report and payment of claims. E. Bingaman stated that a proposal to expand the service to provide reverse commute service to Carmel and Fishers will be submitted for Job Access Reverse Commute funds in March. J. Bridges asked if STP funds could be spent on Indy Express Bus. G. Holmes asked about the role employers can play.

E. Bingaman summarized a CIRTA staff memorandum containing analysis and recommendations concerning Central Indiana Commuter Services. The CIRTA staff recommendation is to manage CICS in-house while using contracts with outside organizations to operate certain aspects of the program. E. Bingaman reported that he met with IndyGo staff to discuss the end of the contract with Parsons-

Brinckerhoff and the transition of other CICS contracts and services to CIRT A. Assuming that CIRT A becomes a designated recipient of FTA funds, IndyGo will request that the CMAQ grant for CICS be transferred to CIRT A after the end of the PB contract in May. CIRT A will receive the funds as a sub-recipient of IndyGo should FTA designation be delayed past May. C. Altman recommended that CIRT A staff research the possibility of making the program a CIRT A brand. C. Altman also recommended investigating any non-compete rules for current PB CICS employees. *M. Terry moved that the board accept the recommendations and timeline proposed in the memorandum. J. Bridges seconded. The motion passed unanimously.*

E. Bingaman presented the Executive Director's report. On December 15, 2010, the Indianapolis Regional Transportation Council Policy Committee consented to the Indy Connect plan for purposes of MPO air quality analysis. In the spring... (more info). CIRT A will continue to engage in activities to educate key stakeholders and the public about the plan. C. Altman recommended that board members continue to discuss the plan in their communities and report back to the MPO with comments or recommendations. He reported that he plans to attend county council meetings in the region on a regular basis. A transit policy working group has formed to address transit issues with the General Assembly. Rick Cockrum has begun meeting with state legislators. An offer of free low-mileage passenger vans was made to transit agencies by Transpo in South Bend, IN. We may receive some of these vans. E. Bingaman updated the board on securing FTA funding recipient designation. He sent a letter to INDOT Deputy Commissioner Jim Stark asking for action on the Governor's letter to the FTA. Mr. Stark responded with a phone call stating that he will inform CIRT A when the letter has been sent.

E. Bingaman reported that staff from the Metropolitan Planning Organization and HNTB will present an update on the Northeast Corridor project at the next CIRT A board meeting. He asked if the board wanted to rotate meeting sites within the ten-county region. S. Ritz volunteered Boone County Senior Services in Lebanon, IN as the March meeting site.

The next CIRT A board meeting will take place at IndyGo on February 23, 2010. *C. Altman moved to adjourn L. Hesson seconded, the motion carried by consent.*