

TAC meeting July 15, 2010

Meeting commenced at 7:38 pm

Present: Franny Osman, Jim Citro, Michael Fisher, Bengt Muten

Approval of minutes—with slight changes—from previous meeting

Review of Site Plan

TAC approves the plan for 40B development on Sachem Way.

Old Business, including review of Shuttle Progress

MinuteVan has started running from West Acton fire house

Transaction Associates has been sending information to Franny

Michele and Cindy have been meeting with Steve Ledoux, Mike Gowing and Lauren Rosenzweig, and Franny

Question of how much to publicize the service now versus later on

Transaction is about to print out stickers for parking at the fire station (25 spaces), and there will be ten-trip tickets for walk-ons

TAC has these concerns about the van service:

Lingering concern about lack of differential pricing for in-town and out-of-town residents using the shuttle

Also concern that the \$50/year price is too low for parking away from south acton lot

Are we following Bethany's recommendations about pricing?

Will (when will) the Board of Selectmen raise the prices for the parking lot at the station?

What is the overall timeline for implementing the van service?

What is the marketing plan for the official launch?

How does the van driver identify people who have bought a parking sticker?

What about having a fee for parking PLUS charging (say \$1) per ride?

From now on, Transaction should send emails to TAC as well as Franny, Steve, Lauren, Mike

TAC will invite Michele to come to the next TAC meeting

Is Jamie Eldridge working to change the statute so that we can use money generated by parking and meters at the South Acton station to pay for more than maintenance of the station itself?

CBE, 133 Prospect Street has decided not to make their spaces available

Michele plans to approach owners of other properties that might provide parking spaces.

One possibility is on Stow Road. Another is the skating rink on Rt. 111.

Reports of work done between meetings

Bike racks: municipality is responsible for initial investment: purchase and installation

Reimbursement hinges on following the specifications (installation guidelines) for installation; reimbursement would probably take 3-6 months
Racks must be installed within six months of purchase
Cost of bike racks ranges from \$200 to \$3000
There are hundreds of styles of racks
One of the vendors is MadRax (sp?)
Question of locations for the racks
Consult with people at Bruce Freeman Trail for advice on possible rack locations

Give the selectmen three choices: do nothing, do a minimal installation (at NARA), or do a more ambitious installation

What type of rack? How many slots?
Jim Citro will send an email to the woman who made the list of possible locations for racks

Report from Minute Van Regional meeting July 15, 10 a.m.

Stow is doing a survey to determine likely usage of a van by Stow residents; results of survey are expected at end of August
West Concord reported that Emerson Hospital is working on a regional plan. Public transportation might be integrated into that plan.
Littleton is working on a plan for more parking spaces at their commuter rail station.
Representative from Maynard did not attend the meeting
Mo Kahn (from MART?) attended the meeting
Also Ed Carr of MWRTA
Discussion of vehicle tracking technology
Franny likes the possibilities presented by regional collaboration

New business

We want MPO to study a general north-south bus route up and down 27
Question of extending the route of the Lowell to Littleton bus and ultimately connecting up with routes in Framingham

Next meeting of TAC is September 2.

Meeting adjourns 9:35 pm.

