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**NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING
AGENDA – FEBRUARY 13, 2015; 9:30 AM
PSTA AUDITORIUM**

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PUBLIC COMMENTS
3. APPROVE JANUARY 7, 2015 MINUTES
4. APPOINTMENTS TO TRANSIT RIDERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
5. ADJOURNMENT



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NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES – JANUARY 7, 2015

The Nominating Committee of the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) Board of Directors held a meeting in the Auditorium at PSTA Headquarters at 2:00 PM on this date. The purpose of the meeting was to appoint members to Committee vacancies. The following members were present:

Wengay Newton, Committee Chair
Patricia Johnson
Janet Long
Kenneth Welch

Absent
Ben Diamond

Also Present:
Brad Miller, CEO
Bill Jonson, PSTA Board Member
PSTA Staff Members

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Newton opened the meeting at 2:10 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 3, 2014 MEETING MINUTES

Ms. Johnson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Welch to approve the December 3rd meeting minutes. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Miller explained that since the December 3rd Nominating Committee meeting, Dave Eggers, Pat Gerard, and Cliff Holmes have been appointed to the PSTA Board.

The Nominating Committee reviewed the recommended slate to fill Committee vacancies and voted as follows:

Finance Committee: Mr. Miller explained that Mr. Eggers expressed an interest in the Finance Committee, but has prior commitments for the first three scheduled meetings. Ms. Long made a motion, seconded by Mr. Welch to recommend Mr. Eggers and allow him three excused absences. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Welch made a motion, seconded by Ms. Long to recommend Mr. Jonson as a member. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously. Ms. Long made a motion, seconded by Mr. Welch to recommend Mr. Holmes as an alternate on the Finance Committee. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

Legislative Committee: Mr. Welch made a motion, seconded by Ms. Long to recommend Ms. Gerard as a member. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

Nominating Committee: Ms. Johnson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Welch to recommend Ms. Long remain on the Nominating Committee. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO): After discussion among the Committee, it was agreed to recommend that Ms. Bujalski continue to be PSTA's representative on the MPO.

The next Nominating Committee will be held on February 13th at 9:30 AM to recommend new Transit Riders Advisory Committee (TRAC) members.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 PM.



Sonny Flynn yes

Transit Riders Advisory Committee (TRAC) Member Application

Beach

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Meeting Schedule

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Applicant First Name SONNY Last Name FLYNN

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City MADEIRA BEACH ZIP 33708

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Employer THE ALLIGATOR ATTRACTION Occupation BUSINESS MANAGER

What bus route(s) do you ride? 777, 68 How often do you ride? DAILY

Which committee seat do you believe you are qualified to fill? (check all that apply)

- North County, Mid-County, South County, Beach Community, DART Client, Student, Business Professional

Statement of Interest

On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following, limiting your entire response to 500 words or less:

- 1. List organizations you belong to and any leadership positions you've held.
2. Please describe the experience and/or accomplishments, either paid or volunteer, that you would bring to this committee.
3. Why do you want to be a member of this committee?

Demographic Information

Age 50 Ethnic Origin WHITE

Male Female Disability (if applicable)

Applicant Signature Sonny Flynn Date 1/28/15

Submit to: PSTA TRAC, 3201 Scherer Drive, St. Petersburg, FL 33716 or email to TRAC@psta.net

Sonny Flynn

Transit Riders Advisory Committee Application

Statement of Interest

1. Vice President/Secretary –John’s Pass Village Association
Organizer/President Madeira Beach Merchants Alliance
2. The experience I offer to the committee is over 30 years in tourism, successfully opening three businesses in John’s Pass Village. I am involved in two merchants associations, the Tampa bay beaches chamber of commerce and support/ promote the city of Madeira beach. Not only am I familiar with PSTA as a rider I am also aware of the needs of tourist and employees who depend on public transportation.
3. Being on the committee would give me an opportunity to give back to the community in which I live.

Dennis Davis

yes

Alt. North



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Applicant First Name DENNIS Last Name DAVIS

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Employer SELF EMPLOYED-ACCOUNTANT Occupation ACCOUNTANT

What bus route(s) do you ride? 67, 52, 19, 79 How often do you ride? 5 OR 6 DAYS A WEEK
62, 60, 67, 68T + NORTH
CONNECTOR

Which committee seat do you believe you are qualified to fill? (check all that apply)

- North County
- Mid-County
- South County
- Beach Community
- DART Client
- Student
- Business Professional

Statement of Interest

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2. Please describe the experience and/or accomplishments, either paid or volunteer, that you would bring to this committee.
3. Why do you want to be a member of this committee?

Demographic Information (Optional)

Age 59 Ethnic Origin WHITE

Male Female Disability (if applicable)

Applicant Signature Dennis Davis Date 1/05/15

1. I have been associated in an accounting and financial advisory capacity with, The Clearwater Jazz Festival, Sun Coast Ronald McDonald House, The Clearwater Marine Science Center, and The Clearwater Garden Club. I have also served the Oldsmar Little League as a coach, manager and on the Board of Directors.
2. The most important experience I will be bringing with me to this committee is the 23 years of riding the bus. With my work experience and my financial and managerial experience, I would be a valuable asset to this committee.
3. I want to be a member of this committee to help improve the service and the perception of riding the bus.

Maranda Douglas



yes
Alt. MID

Transit Riders Advisory Committee (TRAC)
Member Application

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Applicant First Name Maranda Last Name Douglas

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City Clearwater ZIP 33755

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Employer Pinellas County School Board Occupation Secretary

What bus route(s) do you ride? 52 and 66 How often do you ride? Monday thru Friday

Which committee seat do you believe you are qualified to fill? (check all that apply)

- North County
- Mid-County
- South County
- Beach Community
- DART Client
- Student
- Business Professional

Statement of Interest

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2. Please describe the experience and/or accomplishments, either paid or volunteer, that you would bring to this committee.
3. Why do you want to be a member of this committee?

Demographic Information (Optional)

Age 24 Ethnic Origin African American

Male Female Disability (if applicable) _____

Applicant Signature Maranda Douglas Date 1/26/15

Submit to: PSTA TRAC, 3201 Scherer Drive, St. Petersburg, FL 33716 or email to TRAC@psta.net

Maranda Douglas

Statement of Interest

January 26, 2015

Currently I do not belong to any organization nor do I hold a leadership position. I believe I would be an asset to this committee because I have just recently become dependent on public transportation. I would be able to offer a genuine perspective to this committee by serving as a voice of an new rider; providing insight on everyday situations that riders face in my specific demographic and thoughts.

I come from a background of a well-to-do family. I was gifted a vehicle for transportation in early 2006 for high school and lost it this past November. Living in downtown Clearwater, working in Largo, volunteering and going to school with St. Petersburg College required me to be able to get around efficiently. I only heard about using the bus for transportation through SPC, and that students could ride for free. I had never ridden the bus before but this opportunity was critical for me because I could not afford a bus pass, nor to catch the wrong bus and have to pay again and again. I also had little information to go on when it came to riding for the first time. Relying on the Google Trip Planner, I missed the right bus and got on the wrong bus at least twice the first day. That first week was a chaotic experience and an experience that I think back on and question, "Why isn't there more reliable information about this?" Now that I've become a more experienced rider I've often overheard passengers with nominal questions about where this bus will take them, how much, etc. With this experience, I believe being on this committee would be an invaluable experience on both ends.

Carson Zimmer

AH. South



TRANSIT RIDERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TRAC)

Member Application

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Applicant First Name Carson Last Name Zimmer
Street Address 1046 26th Ave N Unit # _____
City St. Petersburg ZIP 33704
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Employer 13th Judicial Circuit of Florida Occupation Judicial Staff Attorney
What bus route(s) do you ride? 100x How often do you ride? Weekdays
Which committee seat do you believe you are qualified to fill? (check all that apply)

- North County
- Mid-County
- South County
- Beach Community
- DART Client
- Student
- Business Professional

Demographic Information

Age 25 Ethnic Origin white
 Male Female

Disability (if applicable) _____

Applicant Signature Carson Zimmer Date February 9, 2015

Statement of Interest

On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following, limiting your entire response to 500 words or less:

1. List organizations you belong to and any leadership positions you've held.
2. Please describe the experience and/or accomplishments, either paid or volunteer, that you would bring to this committee.
3. Why do you want to be a member of this committee?

Hello,

I previously worked for PSTA on the Greenlight Pinellas campaign from August 2014 until the November 2 referendum as a public outreach assistant in the marketing department. My experience working with PSTA allowed me to immerse myself in the transit issues facing Pinellas County, and forced me to find new ways to explain why transit is so important to the region. On my own, or sometimes with other staff members, I attended numerous events and functions where I explained what the Greenlight Pinellas plan was, and why it was worth the investment in our community.

As part of my duties, I researched the underlying reasons for Greenlight Pinellas, from rising ridership, decreased property tax revenue, limitations on other tax-collecting mechanisms available to the county, the current PSTA routes and services available to everyone in Pinellas, and what the future of our transit situation looks like without action. I also gave presentations on how to use PSTA, and took the 59 bus to work most days.

I want to be a member of the committee because I ride the bus often, and as a white collar professional, I am from a class of people that don't typically take public transit in Pinellas County. I now use the bus for my work commute across the bay to downtown Tampa, which I know is an even smaller subset of PSTA riders. My experience with Greenlight Pinellas, my weekly use of the 100x bus, and my passion for improving public transit in the Tampa bay area make me an ideal candidate for the advisory committee, and I would be privileged to be a part of it. Having previously worked with the PSTA planning and marketing staff on Greenlight Pinellas, I would love to continue working with and helping those who want to improve our transit system here in the area.

I'm sorry I'm submitting my application as a converted document and on the day of the deadline, but I hope you will choose me to serve on the Transit Riders Advisory Committee as I would make an excellent addition.

Sincerely,
Carson Zimmer

**TRAC MEMBER NOMINATION
STAFF NOMINATION RECOMMENDATION**

On Tuesday, February 10, 2015, PSTA staff met to review 47 applications received for the following open seats on the Transit Riders Advisory Committee (TRAC).

- Alternate North County
- Alternate Mid County
- Alternate South County
- Beach Community

Below are the staff recommendations including some background of each applicant.

Alternate North: **Dennis Davis**

(White 59-year-old male)

Mr. Davis is a self-employed accountant who rides five to six days a week. He volunteers on a financial advisory capacity with the Clearwater Jazz Festival, Sun Coast Ronald McDonald House, Clearwater Marine Science Center and Clearwater Garden Club. He has also served the Oldsmar Little League as coach, manager, and member of the Board of Directors. He has been riding the bus for 23 years and has a desire to improve the public perception of bus riding.

Alternate Mid: **Maranda Douglas**

(Black 24-year-old female)

Ms. Douglas is a secretary for the Pinellas County School Board. She is also a student who has recently become dependent on public transportation. She had not really been aware of public transportation until she heard that students of St. Petersburg College could ride for free. She says that opportunity was critical for her because she could not afford the bus pass. She hopes to bring a fresh view point to the TRAC.

Alternate South: **Carson Zimmer**

(White 25-year-old male)

A Judicial staff attorney for the 13th Judicial Circuit Court, Mr. Zimmer interned with PSTA in 2014, working with the Marketing Department. Mr. Zimmer rides the 100X every day from St. Petersburg to Tampa where he works. His experience at PSTA has given him a solid background in the issues of public transportation facing Pinellas County. He says his experience forced him to address why transit is so important to our region. He feels that white collar professional riders are in the minority on the bus and that he can bring this view to the TRAC.

Beaches: **Sonny Flynn**

(White 50-year-old male)

Mr. Flynn is the Business Manager of a tourist attraction on the beach. He is very active in tourism, especially on the beaches, and has over 30 years of experience in this field. He is the Vice President/Secretary of the John's Pass Village Association, and Organizer/President of Madeira Beach Merchants Alliance. He is also a member of the Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce. He says he is very aware of the needs of the tourists and employees who depend on public transportation to get to jobs on the beach.