

Summary Minutes – MARC Advisory Council Meeting
Thursday July 19, 2007, 4:30 PM
Hall of States, Room 283
444 North Capitol Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001-1512

Attendees:

MARC Advisory Council:

Carol Oberdorfer, Brunswick - Present
David Frederick, Brunswick - Present
Deborah Foster, Brunswick – Present
E. Donald Hughes, Camden – Absent
Hameed Ahmed, Camden – Present
Juan Calvo, Penn – Present
Laurence Gross, Brunswick – Present
Luke Ritter, Penn – Present
Lynda Clarke, Penn – Present
Marcia Simpkins – Penn – Present
Rafael Guroian, Penn & Camden – Absent
Ronald Jackson, Penn - Present
Steve Chan, Penn – Present

Staff:

Jim Knighton, MTA Director of External Affairs
Glenn Saffran, Acting Director of MARC Train & Commuter Bus Service
Greg Primrose, MTA Communications Department

Guests:

Christopher Field, Transit Riders Action Council
Emery Hines, Senior Transportation Planner, Baltimore County Department of Public Works

The meeting was called to order at 4:32 PM by Chairman Lynda Clarke.

Discussions were held regarding how frequently the Council should meet for the Council's formal monthly meetings, and the advisability of meeting informally or on a committee-level on the alternate months.

A motion was made to amend Section 8 of the Council bylaws to change the meeting schedule from monthly to every two months. This motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Discussions were held regarding how the meetings have been recorded, and other possible methods of recording the activities during the Council meeting.

A motion was made to have the Council document the activities during the Council meetings using summary minutes, versus a court reporter or tape recordings. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Glenn Saffran, Acting Director of the MARC Train & Commuter Bus Service, was introduced. Glenn has been with MARC for four years, and has been with the MTA for seven years.

Glenn reported that the "On Your MARC" newsletters are published three or four times per year, when the need arises. This is typically when new information needs to be distributed to the ridership. The latest issue is dated April 2007.

Greg Primrose of the MTA Communications Department was available to answer questions regarding the MARC website.

Jim Knighton discussed the features and capabilities of the new MTA E-News and Update Service and handed out documentation that reviewed the registration process.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM.