



Rockford Metropolitan Agency For Planning

**RMAP Mobility Subcommittee  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, October 12, 2010  
YWCA  
4990 East State Street  
Rockford, IL 61108**

**ATTENDEES:** Chairman Steve Haight, Careers Etc.; Fred Franck, Barbara Olson Center of Hope; Linda Sheridan, Illinois Growth Enterprises; Jen Jacky, RAMP; Jon Paul Diipla, Christina Washington, RMAP; Rick McVinnie, Lisa Brown, Dennis Hendricks, Paula Hughes, RMTD.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** None

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Haight called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.
- 2. INTRODUCTIONS:** Attendees introduced themselves.
- 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Chairman Haight entertains a motion to approve the agenda. 1st Motion moved by Lisa Brown, RMTD seconded by Jen Jacky, RAMP. Motion Carried.
- 4. APPROVAL OF THE 9/14/10 MOBILITY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:** Chairman Haight entertained a motion to approve the minutes. Motion was made by Paula Hughes, RMTD; seconded by Jen Jacky, RAMP. Motion Carried.
- 5. POTENTIAL JARC AND NEW FREEDOM PROJECTS:** Chairman Haight asked the status of Lowe's project request. Ms. Sheridan indicated that she was not at the last meeting but understands the project is moving forward. Ms. Brown stated that Lowes and RMTD met and decided that RMTD could provide service from downtown to Lowes and that was the route they were planning on unless they hear otherwise. Mr. Diipla stated that 2008 New Freedom money would be used for this service (paratransit to fixed route) and no call for project is necessary. Ms. Sheridan indicated a total of 70 people will be hired which would make 10% of Lowe's staff. Weekend services will become an issue once more employees are hired. Mr. Diipla stated that once 2008 funds are exhausted then a call for projects would be put out regarding the 2009 and 2010 funds. Shuttle service to Lowes would also be available for any other individual with or without disabilities wanting to use the shuttle to Lowes.

**6 DISCUSSION:**

6.1 Mr. Hendricks stated that they have been contacted by the City of Rockford to research passenger service to Embry-Riddle University if they choose Rockford for their next location. This project could potentially use JARC funding if the University decides to come to Rockford. Possible start of service would cost \$125,000.00. Mr. Haight asked if there is a consensus to look further into this project so that no monies lapses? Committee agreed to look into the possibility further.

6.2 Mr. Hendricks stated they met with the University of Illinois Rockford School of Medicine. Rockford School of Medicine will be housing students who will need transportation to the school. Mr. Hendricks stated that currently there is no route going to the School of Medicine and that a route would have to be adjusted to service the School of Medicine.

**7. COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**8. PROGRESS REPORTS:**

8.1 Free Senior Rides: Mr. Hendricks stated that Senior Free Rides have stabilized but that Circuit Breakers rides have escalated.

8.2 RMTD Fares Increase: Ms. Hughes stated there are no issues and that ridership is up. This item will be removed from future agenda.

8.3 ARRA/TIP: Mr. Diipla stated that the FY 2011 TIP has been submitted.

**9. ADJOURNMENT:** Chairman Haight entertained a motion to adjourn the October 12, 2010 meeting. Motion by Rick McVinnie, RMTD and second motion by Jen Jacky, RAMP, meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.