

**ADMINISTRATION AND HUMAN SERVICES
STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES
Monday, October 23, 2017**

The meeting of the Administration and Human Services Standing Committee was held on Monday, October 23, 2017, at 6:45 p.m., in the 5th Floor Conference Room of the Municipal Office Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Markley, Chairman; Commissioners Johnson, Kane and Bynum. Commissioner Philbrook was absent. The following officials were also in attendance: Melissa Sieben, Assistant County Administrator; Henry Couchman, Senior Attorney; Maureen Mahoney, Assistant to Mayor/Chief of Staff; Emerick Cross, Commission Liaison; and Justus Welker, Transportation Director.

Chairman Markley called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken and all members were present as shown above.

Approval of standing committee minutes for August 28, 2017. **On motion of Commissioner Kane, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the minutes were approved.** Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Agenda:

Item No. 1 – 171298... GRANT: ALIVE AND THRIVE WYANDOTTE COUNTY

Synopsis: Approval to accept the REACH Healthcare Foundation \$60,000 grant by the Unified Government Public Health Department - Healthy Communities Wyandotte for "Alive and Thrive Wyandotte County," submitted by Terry Breicheisen, Director of Public Health. This is a one-year grant, and there is no match requirement.

Terry Breicheisen, Director of Public Health, said "Alive and Thrive" is a committee of Healthy Communities Wyandotte. We have worked with the REACH Foundation to provide this funding. It is a non-competitive grant, there's no match involved, to provide funding to coordinate the ACES activities in town.

ACES is “Adverse Childhood Experiences.” There’s several groups doing that in town. REACH is willing to fund that to get it coordinated amongst the agencies and to provide education in town.

Action: Commissioner Johnson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kane, to approve. Roll call was taken and there were four “Ayes,” Johnson, Kane, Bynum, Markley.

Item No. 2 – 171329...RECOMMENDATION: REALIGNMENT OF TRANSIT ROUTES

Synopsis: Recommending the realignment of two routes: 115 Kansas Avenue and 116 West Parallel, submitted by Justus Welker, Transportation Director.

Justus Welker, Transportation Director, said I did bring a presentation but, unfortunately, IT isn’t here.

They’re both minor realignments. We analyze and evaluate our routes every year. We look for improvement. We identified two that could use some improvement. We’re looking at the 115 and the 116. They’re both minor realignments. They’re going to be budget neutral. We’re just trying to reach more areas where people will ride the bus.

The one in Turner, the 115, this will give the opportunity to stop at the Turner Rec. Commission, both outbound and inbound, essentially doubling that service. We’re also going to hit the Cambridge Apartments which we’ve had numerous requests from over the years. We’ll be close enough to Amazon where we can say we’re going to provide ancillary service to Amazon.

We do have the dedicated route for Amazon and it’s doing relatively well. I think we had 45 riders per weekday in August. We jumped that up to almost 90 in September. It is growing. It continues to grow as they continue to add more folks, but we continue to have requests to take folks to Amazon during the off hours. That’s why we’re looking at a change for there.

The rate has kind of underperformed. That route’s underperformed since we started it in 2015. We’re just looking at some minor adjustments to bump it up and boost ridership.

For the 116, we’re looking at going through Village West and connecting to Village East. We’re looking to capitalize on the development and re-development out in the Village West area.

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To do that, we're going to go down 98th Street, come into Village West Parkway, and then continue on our route. We're going to capitalize on the momentum of Village East.

Relatively minor realignment. Both are going to be budget neutral. We hope to boost ridership.

Action: **Commissioner Kane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve.**

Chairman Markley said I appreciate that you knew all of that off the top of your head and were able to overcome the lack of IT.

Roll call was taken and there were four "Ayes," Johnson, Kane, Bynum, Markley.

Item No. 3 – 171336...REQUEST: CASINO GRANT EXTENSION

Synopsis: Request the Downtown Shareholders of Kansas City, Kansas, Inc. be granted an extension of their 2016/2017 UG-Hollywood Casino grant, submitted by Emerick Cross, Commission Liaison.

Emerick Cross, Commission Liaison, said the Downtown Shareholders would like to request an extension to their 2016/2017 UG-Hollywood Casino grant. I have Chuck Schlittler with me from the Downtown Shareholders if you have any questions regarding this issue.

Chairman Markley asked is the intent just to extend it for a year. **Chuck Schlitter, Downtown Shareholders,** said it's to extend it until May 31, 2018. The amount was for \$7,000.

Action: **Commissioner Kane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve.** Roll call was taken and there were four "Ayes," Johnson, Kane, Bynum, Markley.

Chairman Markley adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Adjourn

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