

DART Governance Task Force Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2017 – 12:00 pm
The Robert D. and Billie Ray Center
1213 25th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50311

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Jeff Mark, David Jones, Frank Cownie, Jeremy Hamp, Paula Dierenfeld, Don Sandor, Bob Andeweg, Steven Gaer, Jay Byers, Elisabeth Buck

Member Alternates: Bob O'Hollearn

Members Absent: Gretchen Tegeler, Eric Coleman

Support Staff: Scott Raecker, Cassandra Halls, Paul Drey, Elizabeth Presutti, Kristi Knous

Others Attendees: Tom Gayman (for introduction), Scott Sanders, Amanda Wanke, Andrea Woodward

1) Welcome and Introductions

- Tom Gayman, DART Commission Chair, welcomed the group and had everyone introduce themselves plus tell one introducing fact.

2) Task Force Role and Charter

- Scott Raecker reviewed the following as outlined in the handout:
 - Responsibilities and duties of the task force
 - Task force operation functions

3) Presentation: DART's Current Governance Model, Process for Changing DART's Governance and Current Governance Concerns

- Elizabeth Presutti, DART CEO, reviewed the overall governance structure of DART as currently set forth in the DART 28E Agreement and Bylaws

4) Discussion

- Concerns/Issues/Challenges
 1. Under Representation:
 - a. Board size - # of members
 - b. Paying taxes
 - c. No direct voice
 - d. ROI – level of service
 - e. Non-elected official
 - f. Taxing authority/accountability
 2. Rotation Process
 - a. Not consistent
 - b. Lack of communication

- c. Selection of representative
- 3. Timing/Population Growth
 - a. Keeping pace with population
- 4. Member Duties
 - a. Job Description
 - b. Length of term
 - c. Committees?
- Questions (Cassandra will craft the questions and send to task force chair for review)
 - 1. How should DART be funded?
 - 2. How do you feel about representation? What would you like to see? Direct or non-direct?
 - 3. What percentage of the population require transit?
 - 4. What percentage are coming to community via public transit?
 - 5. What could the future look like?
 - 6. Are the service needs being met? (perception)
- Needs/Additional Information
 - 1. List of board members
 - 2. Route/district overlap
 - 3. Review 28E line by line for governance review (Paul)

5) Next Meeting

March 24, 2017 – 12:00 pm

Agenda items:

- *Review other Central Iowa regional governance models*
- *Review governance models of other regional transit authorities nationally*
- *Review information of feedback*

6) Adjourn