

METRO-NORTH RAILROAD COMMUTERS COUNCIL
MINUTES OF Thursday, February 16, 2017

A meeting of the Metro-North Commuter Council was convened at 4:30PM on 2/16/2017 in the 10th Floor conference room at the Metro-North Offices - Graybar Building at 420 Lexington Avenue, New York City

The following members were present:

Randolph Glucksman

The following members were on the phone:

Richard Cataggio
Francis Corcoran

The following members were absent:

Orrin Getz
Rhonda Herman
Francena Amparo

In addition, the following persons were present:

Ellyn Shannon	-PCAC Associate Director
Bradley Brashears	-PCAC Transportation Planner
Richard Schulman	-Concerned citizen

The MNRCC meetings are now videotaped and stored on a YouTube channel. Below are the links to those videos. We have adjusted the format of the minutes to reflect the in-points on the videos to quickly refer to the topics discussed in the meeting. There is also a link to the YouTube channel on the homepage of the PCAC website under the heading Video Channel PCAC.org

Video 1: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bJO_TfdkPco

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Time Point

Video Part 1

00:21 **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda for the November 10, 2016 meeting was approved.

00:45 **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the *November 10, 2016* meeting were approved as amended with corrections.

01:40 **Chair's Report** (The Chair's Report is attached to minutes.)

02:30 **Board Report** (no Board Report)

02:40 R. Glucksman discussed his MTA Board Member status and Walter's recommendation to the Council.

Action Item: Elyn will get a status update from the Governor's office on appointments.

02:46 **Old Business**

03:00 R. Glucksman and E. Shannon discuss the need for greater member attendance and participation. R. Cattagio agrees that lunch time would be better. R. Glucksman states that we only have 6 members now. Three to four meetings were cancelled in 2016 due to lack of attendance.

07:00 **Action Item:** E. Shannon to send email to Council members regarding thinking about changing the time to noon or 12:30.

08:00 E. Shannon discusses the need to fill vacant seats. Putnam seat, possibility of filling the position from Brewster. Randy will be speaking with the Putnam County Executive next week.

Action Item: Work with Marisol Halpern to fill Bronx vacant seat.

10:10 Discussion of Randy and Elyn attending NYMTC meeting next Wednesday where the Putnam County Executive will be honored.

10:30 Update on Bill's condition

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12:30 Discussion on new format for meeting minutes. The new format is also being used for the NYCTRC minutes. The meetings are now video recorded, with a link at the start of the minutes to refer to the meeting.

Action Item: Staff welcomes feedback from the new members on how the new format can be improved. New meeting minutes format as a pilot to see how it works.

New Business

15:31 R. Cataggio discusses Transit City \$20 million proposal to build a Transit City next to the Harriman train station. 1500 homes, mixed use with retail. Randy states continued need for a station at the Woodbury Mall, Rich is Chairman of the Project for the Planning Board.
<http://www.thephotonews.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20170105/NEWS01/170109976/0/opinion02/First-transit-oriented-development-planned-for-Orange-County>

Action Item: R. Cataggio will send staff info. and staff will research Transit City.

18:33 Randy discusses Metro Magazine article about possible improved service on the Waterbury branch in Nortuck Valley, Conn.

19:15 R. Cataggio discusses homeless problem at the Hoboken Station.

20:45 ***Adjournment***

Summary of Action Items

- Check status of Randy's and Walter's status.
- Send notice to members about the meeting time changing to noon.
- Work with Marisol Halpern to fill Bronx vacant seat.
- New meeting minutes format as a pilot to see how it works.
- R. Cataggio will send staff info. and staff will research Transit City.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellyn Shannon