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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Special Meeting of May 8, 2015

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Louise Rivera at 4:39 p.m., at the GRTA Conference Room, 542 North Marine Corp Drive, Tamuning.

II. Roll Call:

Chairwoman Louise Rivera, Gerard Cruz, Member Ben Gumataotao, Executive Manager Rick Agustin, Vice Chairman, Member Ginger Porter and Member Andrew Tydingco, Planner II Patrick Zerzan, Program Coordinator Rally Pilipina, Admin Aide Janet Soriano, AO Myra Abaya, Chief Planner Rudy Cabana. A quorum was established. Not in attendance: Member Vice Chair, Gerard A. Cruz (absence excused) and Jason Lee Cruz, Secretary (absence excused).

III. Public Comments:

Public participation: Ed Davis, self-identified as a private citizen, disabled veteran, and a driver. He was not able to attend the public hearing on Bill 85-33 because he was working. He urged Board not to support Bill 85-33 for the following reasons:



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- ❖ P.L. 30-05 was never financially supported
- ❖ GRTA can put out their own Request for Proposal (RFP) for supplies, services and equipment.
- ❖ Under P.L. 30-05 the infrastructure already exists to move improvements to the existing system forward.
- ❖ Senator Thomas C. Ada should put the same amount of money that is proposed to support Bill 85-33 toward improving the current public transit system because no service provider will invest further into improving the system without an identified funding source.

The primary complaint of riders is lack of timeliness in transit service. He proposes instead of Bill 85-33 amendments to the existing legislation. He also does not agree with the idea of the Park and Ride facility for Guam.

Travis Kloppenberg: There is no funding source that supports an increase in buses, routes and service.

Roy Rosario: He is in support of Bill 85-33 as it is.

Executive Manager's Report:

The recommendation from the Governor's Office is for the Board to provide input going line-by-line. These comments will be compiled and presented to the Board for their review.

He presented to the Board for their consideration the pros and cons of Bill 85-33 as follow:

Cons

- ❖ Difficult to determine what the amount of money the private entity will bring into the mix.
- ❖ If the revenue from the parking garages or structures is garnered, how long will it take to recoup the monies?
- ❖ Who are target markets at this present time? Should we not build up what we already have? EM recommends reading into "value for money for public-private partnerships (PPP or P3) through a google search. The PPP is not a partnership. It is a contract.
- ❖ Who will shepard the PPP process? EM does not have command of this particular process although the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has agreed to provide technical assistance.
- ❖ What will happen to the employees?
- ❖ How will the GRTA Board function within this Bill?



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Summary of Board Discussion

Consensus of the Board was that Bill 85-33 was redundant in that many of its provisions with some exceptions are already provided for in P.L. 30-05. Funding sources that were identified by legislature mandate have not been directed to GRTA but to other Government of Guam entities as is evidenced in a report from the Office of Public Accountability (OPA) (appendix i). The Board agreed that there were valuable components within bill 85-33, especially relevant to the procurement process that it would like to see in the form of amendments to P.L. 30-05.

Other concerns of the Board were that the composition of the task force did not have sufficient subject area technical expertise; set unrealistic timelines for the procurement process (as is currently being experienced in the Multi-Step Bid (MSB) process); did not identify a dedicated legal counsel from the Office of the Attorney General (AG) and did not define what the cost to the government and the general public would be in a PPP.

The Board was clearly in agreement that with the hiring of a qualified permanent EM steps have already been taken and progress engaged to move forward with the GRTA Business Plan 2010. There was some comment that the most resilient strategy would be for GRTA to own and manage its buses and properties as well as reservation scheduling and dispatch.

Discussion arose that GRTA already has the authority to realize revenue from parking spaces, garages, and structures; and that it should start to define actionable steps to put this into place. It was also stated that the privately owned and run tourist trolleys and shopping buses, meeting the definition of public transport were under the purview of the GRTA and as such GRTA could command a portion or percentage of their revenues. It was also noted that GRTA maintains jurisdiction over all bus stops and as such was authorized to realize revenues from advertisements put on these bus stops.

The need for a permanent accountant for GRTA was expressed and there was a silent agreement. GRTA is still in need of qualified support staff.

Next Steps

- ❖ Board comments on Bill 85-33 to be submitted by Tuesday, May 12, 2015 to EM.
- ❖ Recommended by Governor's Office that the format of their preliminary comments format be followed.
- ❖ EM to compile comments for Board's review before next scheduled meeting.
- ❖ Board recommended by EM to google and read about "value for money" for PPP's.



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Date of next meeting

Regular GRTA Board Meeting to be held on Monday, May 18, 2015 at 4:30pm at the GRTA Offices in Upper Tumon, Guam.

Meeting Adjourned:

Appendices:

- a) Public Notice of Meeting
- b) Bill 85-33
- c) GRTA Business Plan 2010
- d) 08MAY2015 GRTA Special Meeting Sign-In Sheet
- e) Executive Manager's Power Point Presentation
- f) Comments on Bill 85-33 (Gerard Cruz)
- g) Comments on Bill 85-33 (Ginger Porter)
- h) Preliminary Comments from Governor's Office
- i) Report from the OPA (date or other report identifier)