

CFIT MINUTES JUNE 4, 2016

Richard called the meeting to order at 2pm. All officers were present. Don made a motion to except the minutes from the previous meeting. Amy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Marian reported that we had only \$2.50 in our account. Marion explained that she had misplaced the \$26 from the previous meeting. She agreed to replace the money. There was a motion by Amy and a second by Don to except the financial report. Motion passed.

Richard reported that he would be meeting with Lincoln Community Foundation on Tuesday June 8th. He also reported that he has been communicating with Prosper Lincoln and they also work closely with Lincoln Community Foundation. Richard explained that Prosper Lincoln has three main programs. The first program is early childhood development with a strong emphasis on reading skills. The second program is job training. The third program is innovation. Our group agrees that Prosper Lincoln and Cfit share a common interest. We believe that the groups can help each other.

Richard reported that we are working on a final version of our purpose statement and we are about to finalize our logo design.

Congratulations Amy Eidenmiller for successfully getting StarTran to change the direction of the West A route so that it will better serve the public. Amy also reported that she was asked to serve on the donation committee at Eastern Star. She is one of 4 Committee members and therefore her vote will count for 25%. Amy also reported that she spoke with Lori Meyers from the United Way and that Cfit can make copies of our organizational material at no charge.

Richard reported the tentative schedule for members to write letters to the editor. A motion was made by Amy with a second by Don to approve the schedule. Motion passed.

Richard reported on the Chamber of Commerce survey of 108 of the largest businesses in Lincoln and how they rated City services. Transportation was at the bottom of the scale.

Richard reported that the Department of Labor Survey from 2014 showed that 20% of the people looking for jobs have problems with transportation. 18% said that lack of transportation would keep them unemployed. Don recommended that Richard should get a copy of this report.

Richard talked about projects that Cfit is working on. The projects include, adopt a bus stop, transit ambassador program, posters signs stickers and buttons, Driver appreciation, (Driver of the quarter, and driver of the year), Richard will be in charge of drafting the program. Other projects include ads urging people to use new StarTran service and speakers Bureau. We might also try to get a downtown trolley line to replace star shuttle. In addition, we should recommend the implementation of express bus routes, Park-and-ride bus routes. There should be plans for the first light rail route in 2040, Long range transportation plan. The groups long range plans should include work on a multimodal terminal in downtown Lincoln and to try to get a light rail line to the Lincoln airport and possibly to Kawasaki. Don made a motion to except these projects and Ralph made a second. Motion passed.

Richard had paper copies of the Mayor's Taking Charge Survey for 2016.

Richard has also been in contact with stakeholders to ensure that there is a large turnout requesting more funding for StarTran at the City Council budget hearings. Richard has contacted the City Mission, Goodwill, YWCA, Center for People in Need, Salvation Army, Matt Talbot kitchen and others. We will also contact United Way and ask for Lori Meyers help.

Richard was dismayed at the StarTran advisory board's failure to perform their duties at a recent advisory board meeting. Richard has repeatedly requested that the advisory board should set up a schedule to review the new bus routes so that minor changes can be made in a timely manner.

There was no new business.

Marilyn made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Marian. Motion passed

Meetings have been scheduled for the rest of 2016.

July 9, August 6, September 10, October 8, November 12, and December 10. All meetings will be held at 2 PM at the Bennett Martin library.