

Monthly Board Meeting – January 2023

Sunday, January 8, 2022 – 10:00 AM

Location: Virtual – A recording of the meeting can be [found here](#)

Minutes

In Attendance

Voting Members:

Randy Atkin, Mike Christensen, Bre Clementine, Chris Stout, John Pearson

Excused Voting Members:

(none)

Unexcused Voting Members:

Zach Adams

Non-Voting Members:

Curtis Haring, Kyle Holland

Meeting Called to Order at 10:00 AM

Agenda

Approval of December Minutes - All

(No discussion)

Randy motions to approve the minutes, seconded by Mike. Unanimous

Executive Director activities report/Membership Update – Curtis Haring

Over the past month, Curtis worked 16 hours.

Media/Outreach.

In the past month, Curtis appeared on the Red Line Podcast to promote UTRU and discuss transit, set up the website for UTRU@theU and prepared documents and worked with Randy for a presentation he would be giving to the Rose Park Community Council.

Regarding the RPCC, Randy told the group that there were about 15-20 people attending and that UTA presented right after him. He discussed the ideas related to Transit: Imagined, local chapters, and advocacy training.

Networking

Curtis met with the University Neighborhood Partners and Utahns for Better Transportation. In addition, he confirmed Representative Joel Briscoe for our February meeting and is nailing down details with UTA for the same.

Upcoming activities

Continuing to work on Transit: Imagined as a main focus. Curtis will also be reconnecting with the various contacts he has made over the past few months to reestablish connections and start moving forward.

Numbers:

- 14 new Twitter Followers, now at 550.
- No new TikTok Followers, remains at 8.
- 1 fewer YouTube followers, now at 5
- 7 new members, now at 152
- 2 new people on the mailing list (not members), now at 18
- No new dues paying members, remains at 5

Welcome New Board Members – Bre Clementine

Bre introduced herself and told the meeting that she is currently employed by UTA as a driver and, though she enjoyed working for UTA, she would like to see more advocacy for the passengers. This is why she ran to be on the board and get more involved.

Approve UTRU@theU Charter - Curtis Haring

Curtis introduced Kyle, who is one of the founding members of UTRU@theU. Kyle noted that the group started because one of the other members, Sophie, riding the train to the University of Utah and loving it. This originally started as a podcast (The Red Line Podcast), and the desire to advocate grew from there.

Kyle noted that the U of U is, in his opinion, the ripest for change and they are excited to see where it goes.

In addition, Kyle and Curtis both noted that UTRU@theU is going to be a club at the University of Utah, which comes with additional funding and access to facilities and resources that may not otherwise exist for first time charters.

Chris noted that this is exactly what he hoped would happen with UTRU when he first founded the group and is excited to watch it grow.

*Mike motions to make UTRU@theU UTRU's first charter chapter, Chris seconds.
Vote is unanimous.*

Winter Newsletter Assignments – All

Curtis would like the winter newsletter out at the start of February so that we can advertise the February meeting and would like articles by January 22nd.

Chris would like to do an overview of the 209 Route (the new one in the Avenues), to see what it is like and if what the opponents have any merit. Bre offered to assist as well as she is moving the the Salt Lake business unit for UTA; John also uses that bus and offered to assist. Finally, Mike would like to join Chris on the route.

John would like to an article about transit in Bangalore, as that is where he is currently attending the meeting from. In particular, he would like to focus on the lessons around what motivates people to get on transit and how to build it.

Curtis is going to do an article on both Smiths FreshValues and Amazon Smile.

Discussion of Amendment to Bylaws - All

Curtis distributed his proposed amendment to update UTRU's bylaws to allow for fewer board members (Bylaw Amendment 2023-01: *Change to UTRU Board of Directors Composition, Terms, and Voting Procedure*).

The proposed amendment does three things:

- Change the current required number of UTRU Board of Directors to have a complete and seated board from nine to a minimum of five and maximum of nine.
- Removed specific dates for declaring candidacy and paying dues to become a nominee for the Board of Directors.
- Add a provision that, in the event that the Board of Directors ties on a vote, the proposal fails.

*Chris motions to accept the amendment, Bre seconds.
The motion passes unanimously.*

This means that UTRU does now have an official board seated. This means that during the February meeting we will need to assign roles.

Open forum – All

Mike noted that the Utah Rail Passengers Association is going ot be going to Cedar City to meet with the CEO of Cedar City's Chamber of Commerce to help build a coalition to build statewide rail.

John requested more information on where Curtis was on Transit: Imagined. Curtis noted that, what caused the project to balloon was really starting to think about what the parameters we established during the last meeting actually looked like: 24/7/365 with 15 minute headways and coverage and what does and doesn't get counted as coverage. Curtis has started to hone in on just focusing on counties currently served by some form of transit.

This poses a further problem as far as establishing parameters. Getting 95%+ geographic coverage across all of Salt Lake, Davis, and Weber Counties is not difficult to imagine, but is really hard to envision (even in a proposal like Transit: Imagined) for such coverage levels in rural Grand, Iron, Summit, Utah, Box Elder, and Tooele Counties.

In addition, Curtis landed on a coverage that is a minimum of 15 minute headways during peak hours, 30 minutes during off-peak, and 45 minutes to an hour during graveyards.

In regards to funding, Curtis would like to get some work with graduate students and organizations that would be interested in participating once those parameters are set.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 12th at 10 AM.

Adjourn

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