



GUAM REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

GOVERNMENT OF GUAM

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Board of Director's Meeting Tuesday, May 17th 2022- Zoom Meeting Minutes

I. **Call to order-**

Meeting called to order at 2:12 p.m. by Chairman Alejo Sablan

II. **Roll Call and Opening Remarks-**

GRTA Board of Directors present- Chairman Alejo Sablan, Vice-Chairman Anthony Chargualaf, Director Kevin Susuico, and Director Bernadette Weimann. A quorum was established. Chairman Sablan announced a change in the Agenda, moving Public Participation VIII to IX, after New Business.

III. **Proof of Publication-**

Guam Daily Post- Advertisement dates:
(Five working days) Tuesday, May 10th 2022
(Two days, 48 hrs.) Sunday, May 15th 2022

IV. **Review of Minutes- April 12, 2022-**

Motion to approve by Director Susuico, Vice-Chairman Chargualaf seconded the motion. 4yeas, 0 nays, Unanimous decision- April 12, 2022 Meeting Minutes approved.

V. **Management Reports-**

Chairman Sablan noticed the increase in fuel costs/usage.

VI. **Executive Manager's Report-**

A. ARP- GRTA has \$2.5 Million. Currently working with BBMR and Governor's office regarding funds from America Rescue Plan.

B. Budget- turned in March 14, 2022, received by BBMR March 15, 2022.

C. Projects-

Park and Ride Facility- Dededo Mayor approved transfer of land to GRTA for Park and Ride Facility. Mrs. Julie San Nicolas currently coordinating with Mr. Joe Borja from Land Management and Dededo Mayor for transfer of property.

GRTA Bus Facility- Working with FTA and Mr. Ray Telles, minor changes needed to be made for Section 106 Letter, awaiting signatures.

PASS Training- In coordination with Ms. Ginger Porter, all drivers are PASS certified.

TRAMS- Received access to pin grants. Scheduled to meet with Deputy Attorney General Mr. Karl Espaldon for approval and signature.

Hagatna Pool Location- Lights have been installed at bus stop but stolen again. Mr. Ybanez will coordinate with DPW to ensure security and installation of new lights.



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VII. Old Business-

A. **Fuel Cost Analysis-** There has been a big increase in the month of March 2022. Currently waiting on DOA for receipts from the month of April 2022. Vice-Chairman Chargualaf is more concerned of gallon usage over dollar usage. Routes are explained for but there shouldn't be a significant increase or decrease unless ridership increases or decreases. Mr. Ybanez noticed that there is a similarity of this increase comparing 2021 reports, same time last year. Ms. Danielle Garcia mentioned that the fuel comparison reports are for both Paratransit & Fixed route. Vice-Chairman would like this researched and reevaluated for upcoming Budget.

VIII. New Business-

A. **Loss of FEMA Reimbursement-** Mr. Ybanez worked with Guam Homeland/ FEMA advisor, Ms. Mary Fejeran, to file an extension for Reimbursement Grant- 2015 Inalahan Bus Shelter. Ms. Mary Fejeran advised costs to date will be more than what it was in 2015, she suggested to write and submit a letter for GRTA to no longer participate in this project.

IX. Public Participation- 5 minutes per individual-

Mr. Celestin Babauta- Mr. Babauta shared how he is proud of how GRTA has grown with all the support over all the years. Bus/GRTA Facility is making good progress, however he made suggestions for the top floor, Administration should look into modular furniture to make work environment and infrastructure more professional. Mr. Babauta acknowledged Vice-Chairman Chargualaf for pointing out fuel cost analysis. He also acknowledged Ms. Danielle Garcia for always being able to provide a good analysis report. Mr. Babauta spoke about ARP funding before his departure with GRTA, he sat down with administrative personnel to try and prepare GRTA to become an autonomous agency. He would like to suggest GRTA hire an engineer, Deputy Executive Manager, and Legal counsel. Mr. Babauta spoke of how he submitted procurement for busses in November/December 2021 and would like to know status. With safety being a factor, he would like to see more busses in operation instead of running the same busses 6 days a week resulting in overwork of vehicles and spending more on maintenance costs. Mr. Ybanez advised that the ten busses for Procurement are on their way, as well as IFB for five-12 passenger ADA compliant busses and six- fourteen passenger busses are with GSA. Mr. Babauta expresses that he is always available for assistance and believes in bettering Guam's transit system.

Ms. Evelyn Duenas- gives kudos to all GRTA employees who are putting themselves in the forefront in trying to mitigate the situations with their services. Ms. Duenas expressed to the Board of Directors that there could be more funding if issues are documented properly and would like Board of Directors and Administration to look closely at capacity constraints. She has had difficulty in trying to schedule and would like to know if its because driver shortage or gas/fuel. Ms. Duenas would like Board of Directors to realize that fuel is important but so is everything else in public transportation, commenting on how lack of manpower and equipment is an issue for GRTA to improve. Ms. Duenas would like to schedule an hour-long meeting with Mr. Ybanez to speak about GRTA's current issues.



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Mr. Jason Cruz- Expressed his thanks to Jennifer Cruz, Margaret Nauta, Lena Sanchez, Danielle Garcia, and all GRTA staff for their hard work. Mr. Cruz spoke of the importance of I.D renewals, if one rider has to do it, then all must do the same. He is all for the suspensions when needed so that other riders don't continue to take advantage. Mr. Cruz thanked Mr. Ybanez for his due diligence and hard work in continuing to improve GRTA. Although it will take years, change is hard but change is good and he believes GRTA will continue to grow.

Mr. Rodney Calimlim- Mr. Calimlim shares the same sentiments as Mr. Jason Cruz. He believes that GRTA is making progress at moving forward. He spoke for himself as a rider that has to follow rules and regulations so all riders must do the same. IDs should be carried at all times but he noticed that other riders take advantage of not having their id's making it hard for riders to be easily identified from drivers. Mr. Calimlim also mentioned the difficulty of scheduling his rides. It has been hard for him to get to his appointments especially when his extra treatment is needed and is not able to reserve within a five- or six-day period.

X. Announcements-

June 2022 GRTA Board of Directors Meeting cancelled due to not being able to meet quorum.
Next regular meeting scheduled for July 12, 2022.
In person meeting or via Zoom TBD.

XI. Adjournment-

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.


Alejo Sablan, Chairman
Guam Regional Transit Authority