

A Meeting of the
Public Relations and Property Committee
July 17, 1980

Present: Maurice Chandler
Fred LaBonte
Elvern Hall
Arvilla Page
Mary Moody
Astrid Trunk

Roger Gano
Janet Nybakke
M. C. Gilbert
Jerome Lowe
Nadine Windsor

The Committee discussed with Mr. Lowe his request for an increase in taxi rates and his desire to discontinue the Senior Citizen taxi ticket program. His costs have increased because of increases in the cost of fuel and insurance. He stated he is losing money on the Senior Citizen program at \$1.50 per ticket. The Committee recommends approval of the increased rates and renewal of the Taxi Franchise. The Committee also recommended, and Mr. Lowe agreed, continuance of the Senior Taxi Ticket program on a trial basis to September 30, 1980 with the Senior Citizen paying 50¢ in addition to the ticket after August 1, 1980.

The Space Needs Study was discussed. The Committee recommends negotiation with Mel Kroker for additional services. Mayor Hall recommended to the Committee increasing the size of the site selection committee, and inviting individual families to visit City Hall at specified date and time. The Committee recommends that for Space Needs the Property Committee be expanded to include the Citizen's Involvement Advisory Committee.

Also discussed by the Committee were "Caution-Pedestrians" signs which was referred to the Traffic Safety Committee and the need for a campaign for property owners to develop sidewalks.

A Meeting of the
Public Relations Committee
August 12, 1980

Present:

Maurice Chandler
Roger Gano

M. C. Gilbert
Arvilla Page

Representatives: Chehalem Valley Senior Citizens Council
3 Squares
Newberg Senior Citizens Club

The discussion was whether the taxi service is needed by the Senior Citizens which are approximately 20% of the population. The Newberg Senior Citizen Club conducted an informal survey of the their membership which indicate choice of bus service over taxi. Taxi tickets as funded allow for only one round trip by taxi per month. Some seniors do not use the tickets themselves but give to other seniors with greater need. The bus service is one van on an established schedule and route, but will leave the route on request, plus one van with a lift that is on call. The vans are used 98% by seniors. The vans operated by Chehalem Valley Senior Citizens Council have budgeted for July 1, 1980 to June 30, 1981 van expenditures of \$33,120 and Revenues of \$28,772. They have requested from the City \$6,000.

The City's current budget allocates \$27,275 for Senior Citizens in particular, \$19,775 is for transportation of which \$5,775 is for matching funds to purchase a mini-bus.

Mr. Gilbert suggested the vans be funded on a three month trial basis beginning October 1, 1980 in place of taxi tickets as the taxi is now on a trial basis to September 30.

The Committee recommend the vans be funded October 1 through December 31, 1980 on a trial basis with Chehalem Valley Senior Citizens to keep the City advised of services and costs.