

Outer Banks Transportation Task Force

Minutes of the meeting on May 26, 2005, Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce

Members present: Jody Crosswhite, Gwenn Cruickshanks, Erin Burke, Paul Keller, Ray Davis, Willo Winterling, Carl Classen, Kevin Schwartz, Ralph Buxton, Chris Layton. Guest: Herb Mullen, ICPTA

1. Called to order at 8:40 a.m. by J. Crosswhite.
2. The minutes of the April 28 meeting were tabled.
3. Van Pilot Project – Details about the van project, whose funding was approved by the Dare County Tourism Board earlier in the month, were discussed. It was determined that Dare County Transportation would collect ride number statistics, but other demographic data would have to be gathered via a printed form handed out to riders. The drivers will collect those forms. The list of stops was discussed, as how the county would be reimbursed by the Tourism Board. Promotional activities were also discussed, including press releases to news outlets, a Channel 20 presentation and wide distribution of the route cards. K. Schwartz was set to attend a Transportation Advisory Board meeting on June 1 to coordinate with the county Transportation Department.
4. Future potential trolley stops – ITRE had asked that the task force discuss locations for trolley stops, but the task force determined it did not have enough background information to do so. Stops would be dependent on a number of factors the task force did not yet have a handle on such as the size of the trolleys, length of routes, whether they would be air conditioned or open air, whether they would be child seat equipped, whether to lease or buy trolleys, whether to run them or contract their operations out and so on. H. Mullen said ITRE should be down here this summer doing customer surveys to assess needs. It was decided to ask ITRE reps to attend the next meeting for a full discussion.
5. Other trolley projects – H. Mullen described small trolley projects being initiated in Corolla and Ocracoke for the 2006 season, how they were funded and will be administered and what we might learn from the process. Both will use a combination of open tram and trolley buses. Ocracoke will have just two trolleys and one tram. Corolla would likely require 4-6 vehicles.
6. ITRE Symposium date – The Ramada has been locked up for the symposium from 8:30-noon on Wednesday Oct. 12, with a general session and breakout sessions anticipated and a continental breakfast served. W. Winterling and C. Classen agreed to serve on a symposium planning subcommittee with K. Schwartz.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.