

**MINUTES OF THE RIVER OAKS
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
NOVEMBER 22, 2021**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

PRESIDENT DAN CHISHOLM
VP STEVE HOLLAND
BUCK BYBEE
GREG HENDRICKSON
DARREN HOUK
DAVID BEDFORD
CHARLES RICHARDSON

STAFF PRESENT:

CITY MANAGER MARVIN GREGORY
CITY SECRETARY PAULA LUCK
PUBLIC WORKS SECRETARY CASSIE DYER
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR GORDON SMITH
POLICE CHIEF CHRIS SPIELDENNER
EMERGENCY MGT COORDINATOR JAMES MYRICK

MEMBERS ABSENT:

NONE

1. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, President Chisholm called the Special Called Meeting of the Economic Development Corporation to order at 6:01 p.m. on Monday, November 22, 2021 at the River Oaks Event Center, 5300 Blackstone Drive, River Oaks, Texas 76114.

2. INVOCATION

Member Hendrickson gave the Invocation.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES FLAG AND THE TEXAS FLAG.

Member Hendrickson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and the Texas Flag.

4. PUBLIC TESTIMONY: CITIZENS TO SPEAK ON ANY TOPIC OR ANY AGENDA ITEM BEFORE AN DURING THE MEETING BY RAISING YOUR HAND TO BE RECOGNIZED; HOWEVER, UNLESS THE ITEM IS SPECIFICALLY NOTED ON THIS AGENDA, THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP. IS REQUIRED UNDER THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT TO LIMIT ITS RESPONSE WITH A STATEMENT OF SPECIFIC FACTUAL INFORMATION, RECITING THE CITY'S EXISTING POLICY ON THAT ISSUE, OR DIRECTING THE PERSON MAKING THE INQUIRY TO VISIT WITH CITY STAFF ABOUT THAT ISSUE, AND NO EDC BOARD DELIBERATION IS PERMITTED FOR TOPICS NOT SPECIFICALLY LISTED ON THIS AGENDA.

NONE

5. MEMBER ROLL CALL

All members were present.

6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 REGULAR CALLED MEETING.

VP Holland moved, seconded by Member Hendrickson to approve the Minutes of the September 13, 2021 Regular Called Meeting. All voted "Aye".

7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE EDC 4TH QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT (JULY 1-SEPTEMBER 30, 2021).

CM Gregory reported the beginning balance for the 4th quarter was **\$384,935.81**; sales tax for the quarter totaled **\$64,090.63**; interest from the bank was **\$28.26**; rental income from 920 Roberts Cut Off was **\$7,463.49**; closing costs reimbursement for the sale of 1512 Shenna was **\$3,109.13**; resulting in total revenues and beginning balance of **\$459,627.32**. Total expenditures for the quarter were **\$211,199.56**. The beginning balance in TexPool was **\$66,849.03** with interest of **\$14.64**; and transfer of **\$200,000.00** for a total ending balance in TexPool of **\$266,863.67**. The ending total bank and TexPool balance was **\$515,291.43**.

VP Holland moved, seconded by Member Bedford to approve the FY 2021 4th quarter report. All voted "Aye".

8. PUBLIC MEETING: THE RIVER OAKS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND TRINITY METRO ARE HOSTING A PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS TRANSIT IN RIVER OAKS.

At 6:09 p.m., President Chisholm opened the Public Meeting. Detra Whitmore and team were present from Trinity Metro. A presentation was presented to the audience and board (attached). The city pays for trips that originate in River Oaks only. There may be grants available thru NCTCOG to help fund the transit service. The city currently pays an annual fee of \$11,000 for the bus service and about \$14,000 for MITS which the amount can fluctuate. MITS will only go to cities that participate in the program. There have been some complaints that were brought up at the last meeting which the videos have been pulled and they have retrained the drivers. The customer schedules both pick ups when they make the reservation. If a pickup is needed after the bus service runs at the end of the day, the customer can call dispatch for a pickup.

Audience comments:

Yvonne Lowe-son is disabled and uses the bus a lot to get around for a quality of life. There are more places that we can go to because of the bus service.

Resident-rides bike a lot and takes the train. Loves the public transportation.

JoAnn Butler-was against the bus service in the beginning because of the cost. Think smaller busses or vans would work better because the bus is almost empty.

VP Holland-read over the amount of people boarding from October 2020-September 2021 which is 2,227 people for the year.

President Chisholm-people must qualify in order to use the MITS. If we do away with the bus service, what will we replace it with since there is a need for it. Uber and Lyft are not set up for wheelchair access.

Detra Whitmore & Sharon Bailey-everyone is welcome to ride the bus as long as they have a pass. In order to use MITS, an application has to be filled out by the resident and doctor. The drivers assist the passengers getting off and on the bus.

Resident-the concern is the waiting period for pickup.

Detra & Sharon-the pickup is scheduled by the individual. The IVR system will be activated and give updates to the person. The person can cancel a trip if they want to.

Shelsey Scavenger-asked about how much is the 91 route, which is \$11,000 flat fee and MITS goes with it.

Police Chief Spieldenner-there is a myth on social media that the bus service has brought in more crime but crime has been decreasing. While the city got the bus service, Tarrant County moved the homeless people out of the downtown area which has pushed them to our area.

Juanita Nunez-grateful for the MITS and has no problems with their times.

Jeff Krus-asked how we pay for the service, which is funded thru sales tax. The EDC was created in 1995 and the sales tax did go up to fund the EDC. The bus service was too expensive a while back but now they have offered it to small cities at a lower cost.

Lilia Mendoza-would like to see benches and covered areas especially on hot days.

Bob King-asked how much of the sales tax funds the bus, which is about 10%.

Shirley Wheat-was against the bus in the beginning but hear very positive things about it thru others and they are very thankful for the service.

John Claridge-would like to see a smaller bus in this area.

Charles Richardson-it is time for EDC to figure out if EDC needs to fund the service.

David Bedford-EDC's job is to bring economic development to the community and have to be real careful on how we spend the money.

James Myrick-asked how far does route 91 goes, which a map was shown of the route. If a stop is trashed out, the business normally will reach out to the bus service.

At 7:42 p.m., the public meeting was closed.

9. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON TRANSIT SERVICE BEING FUNDED BY E.D.C. IN THE CITY OF RIVER OAKS.

A decision has to be made by January 26th, 2022 to continue with the service or cancel the service. This item will be tabled until the next meeting.

10. STAFF REPORT: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

Grumps Burgers-looks like will not be able to open til after the first of the year. There is a DFW food blog and it was posted that Grumps was opening in River Oaks. There were a lot of likes and comments.

Jolly Dreams-all we are waiting on now is to review their construction plans and file the plat with Tarrant County.

Black Oak Development-they are close to demolishing the church building and an asbestos certificate has been filed with the city.

Commercial Property for Sale-Bank of America and Bengali's building are both up for sale. Bengali's have been reported to be sold but not sure who the buyer is.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION: CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE: THE BOARD RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION(S) FROM TIME TO TIME ON ANY POSTED AGENDA ITEM TO RECEIVE ADVICE FROM ITS ATTORNEY AS PERMITTED BY LAW DURING THIS MEETING. THE BOARD MAY CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING:

- a. Section 551.071- To seek advice from attorney;
- b. Section 551.072- Discussion regarding possible sale, lease or acquisition of real estate; and
- c. Section 551.087- Discussion or deliberation regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations or to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body.

NONE

12. ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION.

NONE

13. ADJOURN

At 7:54 p.m., VP Holland moved, seconded by Member Bedford to adjourn the meeting. All voted "aye".

ATTEST:


Paula Luck, City Secretary

APPROVED:


Dan Chisholm, President

Trinity Metro System Improvements

Detra Whitmore, PMP
Vice President of Customer Experience



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Our Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Safeguarding the health and well-being of our passengers and employees is our priority.

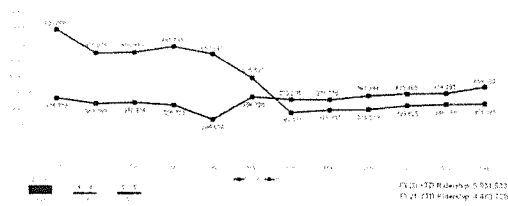
Face masks covering the nose and the mouth are required on board all Trinity Metro vehicles.

Trinity Metro's long-held policy has federal support due to the executive order signed by President Biden requiring mask-wearing on public transportation.



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System-wide Monthly Ridership



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ABC Basics

- Customers have more frequent routes & more direct routes rather than always having to transfer through downtown
- Increased frequency on some Routes to reduce passenger wait times
- Additional late night and Sunday services
- No additional budget funding
- Service implemented Sunday, September 5, 2021



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Half Price Fares!

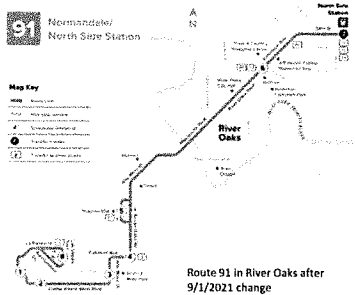
From now through Dec. 31, fares are \$1 for one-way bus rides (regular and express routes), \$2 for one-way ACCESS rides, and half-price for multi-ride tickets.

TEXRail, ZIPZONE and TRE tickets are **not** discounted for one-way rides.

Multi-ride ticket pricing is \$2.50 for one day, \$1.25 for one-day reduced, \$12.50 for seven day, \$6.25 for seven-day reduced, \$40 for 30 day, and \$20 for 30-day reduced.



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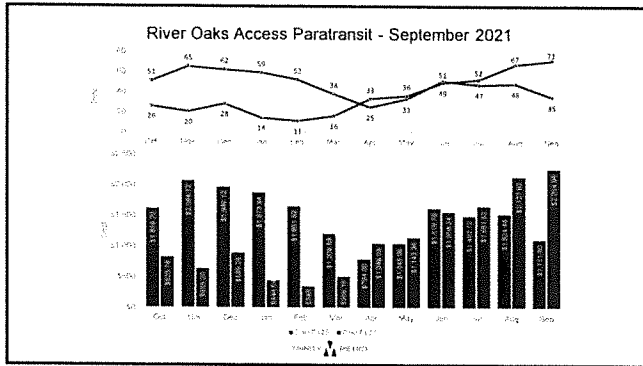
Service Highlights

Last 12 Months as of September 2021

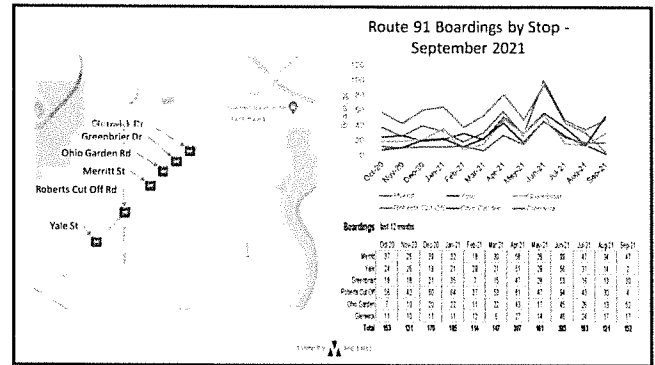
	10-20	11-20	12-20	01-21	02-21	03-21	04-21	05-21	06-21	07-21	08-21	09-21
River Oaks - Trips to Medical District	19,760	19,876	11,136	19,340	7,486	11,166	19,818	18,873	11,848	11,663	13,884	11,211
Passenger - Total Method and Grocery Trips	8,274	4,308	8,537	7,707	6,841	8,453	8,710	8,848	8,817	8,789	8,338	8,348
Transfer Trips	2,106	1,718	1,595	1,485	1,545	1,856	2,765	2,447	2,814	3,910	1,317	1,174
Other On-Bus and Grocery Trips	7,720	4,487	8,124	6,725	6,195	5,598	4,251	5,126	4,875	4,186	4,210	4,194
ZIPZONE - Total Trips	898	868	879	892	853	1,043	1,064	1,076	1,038	1,038	1,038	1,038
ARK and MacLennan Employment Zones	316	718	121	647	104	1,100	552	1,161	1,161	1,161	1,161	1,161
Other Trips	176	184	164	241	218	441	493	516	1,153	1,153	1,153	1,153
Job Seekers	4,981	4,308	4,858	4,169	3,848	4,944	4,387	4,797	5,332	5,165	1,213	6,381
Machine Ride Post Month					2	182	100	91	178	278	118	135



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New Services since 2017

- Customer Relations Division refocus on customer
- Transit ENVOYS
- Travel training (no charge)
- The Dash
- ZIPZONES
- GoPass App
- Fort Worth Bike Sharing

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WHY RIDE?

- Save money!
- Fewer accidents
- Increased physical fitness
- Less stress
- Reduced vehicle wear & tear
- Reduced congestion
- Improved health/quality of life

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Next Steps

- Establish regular updates to Mayor and Council
- Share changes to transit system with City
- Continue monthly ridership reports for Route 91 and ACCESS



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How To Ride

- Customer Care can help answer any additional questions at 817-215-8600
- Monday through Friday, 5:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
- Saturday, 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Sunday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.



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