

## Livable Communities Transportation Committee



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Tuesday February 9, 2010

8:30 am - 9:30 am

Iowa City Public Library Meeting Room B

### AGENDA

#### Introductions

Transportation report – the Committee of Five/Washington DC Transportation Institute

Robert Bradley – accounts manager of Yellow Cab of Iowa City has been invited to come share his insights on some alternative transportation options for area seniors.

Request for Program Proposal – to be televised by CTS in April – for May showing.

(see Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> letter – on page 3: Transportation committee did this last year and is invited to do so again this year.)

IDEAS: Committee of 5 plans and meeting date (if set) Tom's meeting  
Jane workshop on Assistive Dev.; When to Stop Driving etc.

Jefferson Point update – Regina Galang

Open Agenda

*Coming events – please help publicize these:*

1) – Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> free workshop on CHOICES NOT CHANCES & Stop & Talk About It –

Liz Kofren-Eisen – pre-registration needed – Call 319-430-9757 – at  
Coralville library – 7 PM

2) – March 1<sup>st</sup> – Assisted Devices/Safety Workshop – presented by Jane Gay – Coralville  
Library – 2 PM

(Seibert Mobility has been invited to provide vehicle demonstrations in the  
protected lower level parking lot from 1 to 2 PM.)

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"At the most recent White House Conference on Aging, mobility was ranked the third highest issue for older people -- ahead of Social Security and Medicare. Today, people remain active and independent into their 80s and beyond, and outlive their decision to stop driving by as much as a decade. That's too long to depend on favors, even from family." (iTNAmerica, Portland, Maine)

*Goals of the Transportation Group: (as borrowed from NCST & as adopted): Our mission is to increase transportation options for older adults, to simplify older adults' access to transportation services and to increase the quality of transportation services of older adults, inform older adults and others in the community about transportation options in the area in order that they may be better realized and to enhance the ability of frail seniors to live more independently within their community.*

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**Tuesday January 12, 2010 – 8:30 am – 9:30 am**

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**Meeting NOTES**

**Introductions** – Current and new members introduced themselves. It was reported that speaker Robert Bradley would not be able to be here today.

**Committee of Five: Washington DC Community Transportation Institute Report:**

Tom Brase and Marc Rahe reported – sent out a survey to cab companies. Black and Gold respond they are in process of converting a cab; also buy a 15 passenger cab. Three other replies were rec'd with interest were their matching funds. The committee meets this Friday to go over results of their survey; then will meet with JCCOG.

**Seniors at hospitals need more transportation options to offer discharge patients.** Jane Gay spoke of an incident in which an ambulance had to be hired to bring a family member home to her residential facility when she was discharged on a Sunday. The otherwise available transport was not available on Sunday. Tom encouraged participants to contact the committee. He states some of his SEATS drivers may volunteer to transport people home.

**Jefferson Point:** Access 2 Independence student intern Jenna Lorenzen, representing Regina Galang, reported on a meeting yesterday with Alaina Welsh who represented the Burns & Burns housing unit Jefferson Point. Ms. Welsh had indicated progress was being made. Committee members had various questions regards the Jefferson Point situation. Jenna confirmed that Jefferson Point neighbor volunteer Sue Vance had indicates that there is progress made there, but there are still things needing to be accomplished. Tom reports that he had sent several ADA eligibility forms about “contracting” for transportation to Jefferson Point. Burns could contract purchase some services for residents from SEATS for their residents at Jefferson Point. Burns & Company have not responded. As of Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>, several residents there have SEATS rider eligibility. In response to questions, Tom reported that according to the rules, additional persons can ride with these eligible riders to places such as the area grocery store with no extra fee. (basic cost is \$1.50). The number of persons who can be accommodates in one trip varies according to whether or not there is a wheelchair. Otherwise the vans have 15–21 seats. Best time for them to make a leisure trip for the residents would be 10:30 AM –2 PM. Regina is reported to be working on a needs assessment there. ESI staff had looked into the Burns request to move North Liberty senior dining to the Burns site there, but reportedly current NL customers were not supportive of this idea.

**February & March transportation workshops:** Announcement was reiterated of the Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> workshop on Choices Not Chances/We've got to Talk to be held at the Coralville library. Susan Rogusky reported it also will be held April 14<sup>th</sup> at the senior center. Pre-registration is needed for this workshop. Jane Gay will be presenting a program on Assistive Devices for older drivers and

their passengers on Monday March 1<sup>st</sup> at 2 PM at Coralville library. No pre-registration is needed for this event. Siebert Mobility has also been invited to come demonstrate their technology.

A Senior Wellness Fair is planned for April 30<sup>th</sup> at the Johnson County Fairgrounds. The Senior center is organizing this with the help of the Elder Consortium. Tables will be for rent to interested agencies for a fee of \$100 and up.

Eve Casserly noted that Mary Willie has been hired to be the new Aging Specialist for Johnson County Livable Community for Successful Aging (JCLC) to replace Kate Getty, who has taken a job with Witwer of Cedar Rapids.

Jane Gay announced that the JCLC Fall Prevention group will be putting on some prevention programs and articles regarding fall preventing. They are working with the Press Citizen in sponsorship of this. Quarterly articles are anticipated.

Roger Bradley from local Yellow Cab was to have addressed the group today, but was unable to come because of a medical emergency. The group requested that he be rescheduled for next month. Gina Johnson provided some information on a new program called My Riders Club of Cedar Rapids, a for-profit group interested in expanding its territory. It was decided to invite it's owner, Martin Wissenberg, to come speak in March.

There being no further business, this meeting was adjourned.

**Meeting notes** – thanks to Gina Johnson

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, February 9, 2010  
8:30am–9:30am  
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January 20, 2010

JCLC Work Group Chairs,

Last May, in honor of Older Americans Month, JCLC televised four panel discussions on City Channel 4. These discussions were well received by the community. They were also a wonderful opportunity to showcase the efforts of our committees and volunteers. The Policy Board is asking that again this May we produce discussions for broadcast to inform and engage area residents regarding issues of local importance to older Americans.

In preparation, we'd like each of the Work Groups to add these panel discussions to their next meeting agenda. We are looking for topic ideas based on the work each group is

involved with this year and possible members for a panel. The taped segments run about 15-30 minutes. We will ask for copies of the discussions to provide to other local community stations for broadcast in May to achieve our goal of increasing outreach to the county.

We're also requesting that Channel 4 replay last year's panels to build up momentum for Older Americans Month. Additionally, a letter will be sent to all Johnson County mayors requesting a proclamation to designate May as Older Americans Month within their communities.

Please let me know whether or not your workgroup would like to have a program on the topic that your workgroup is addressing and if so, who your workgroup would suggest as panel members (name, position, e-mail address and phone number). I will then send your information to the Policy Board prior to their March 9th meeting at which time the Policy Board will decide what programs will be used in this series of programs. If you have questions, call or email me. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,  
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