

**DULUTH TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

2402 West Michigan Street \* Duluth, MN \* (218) 722-4426

**Board of Directors Meeting**

Wednesday, February 24, 2016

DTA Board Room

Approximately at 5:30 p.m.

**MINUTES**

<b>Committee Present:</b> John Brostrom, President      Dave Schaeffer Don Simons, Vice President      Deb Putney Wayne Nelson      Rondi Watson Thomas Griffin      Don Simons		<b>Committee Excused:</b> Leslie Evans	<b>Committee Absent:</b>
<b>DTA Staff Present:</b> Jim Heilig, Director of Administration & Planning		Nancy Brown, Procurement Manager Lisa Paczynski, Administrative Assistant	
<b>Others Present:</b>			

**Call to Order:** President Brostrom called the meeting to order at 4:56 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

- \* January 27, 2016 Board of Directors & Committee Meetings Minutes: A motion was made by Vice President Simons and seconded by Director Nelson to approve the January 27<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors & Committee Meeting minutes. Motion carries.

**Action Items**

- \* None

**Old Business**

- \* None

**New Business**

- \* St. Eligius Health Center Grand Avenue Bus Stop: Due to passenger safety, Director Simons asked DTA staff to review the location of the bus stop in relation to the crosswalk because they seem to be too close to one another. Staff person Heilig replied that DTA staff will examine the area and determine if the stop can or should be moved further from the intersection. There is still road construction in this area, so it may be possible to relocate the stop even though the curb line has been set.
- \* DTC Location: President Brostrom asked if any DTA staff had heard any comments from the Greater Downtown Council (GDC) in regard to the new transit location. Director Heilig responded that no positive or negative comments have been received from the GDC in terms of traffic functionality; however, the Holiday Center has asked that the Superior Street bus shelters be removed, but this cannot be done because they will be used during the upcoming MN Power construction project on Michigan Street. The traffic signals at the intersections of Third Avenue West and Michigan/Superior Streets have been adjusted to try and get those to work better for the buses.

**Public Comment**

- \* None

### **Announcements**

*March Employee of the Month* – The Employee of the Month Committee has selected Service Worker, Steve Arseneau, as the DTA Employee of the Month for March of 2016. He was hired in January of 2015. This is Steve's first Employee of the Month award. Being born and raised in Superior, Wisconsin, Steve has always enjoyed living in the Twin Ports. He is the youngest of six children and has never left the area. Steve graduated from Superior Senior High School in 1983 and immediately began working at the Douglas County Elderly Nutrition Program. He was there for a two years before taking a position at the Superior Memorial Hospital in 1986 as a Dietary Aid. In 1992, he began working at a local industrial laundry company now known as G & K Services. He held that position for 24 years before getting hired at the DTA in 2015. Coincidentally, Steve delivered mats and rugs to the DTA and enjoyed getting to know staff members while completing his tasks. In 2014, Steve was ranked 37 out of 2,000 drivers and won an award for his efforts. Plus, along with the award came an all-inclusive vacation. Steve met his wife, Brooke, in 2007 and they were married in August of 2009. Steve's daughter from a previous marriage, Tiana, is 21 years old. She is currently pursuing an Associate Degree from Lake Superior College and would like to become a Dental Hygienist someday. Brooke has three children. Her oldest, Bayleigh, is 16 years old, Drew is 15 and Gavin is 12. Steve and Brooke's youngest daughter, Ava, will be six-years old this summer. It's important to both Steve and Brooke that their family does as many activities as possible together. In fact, they recently purchased everyone a mountain bike and are planning some bicycling recreational trips for next summer. This cardiovascular exercise activity will help Steve stay healthy and happy. Something that is ever more important following a health scare involving a major heart attack. Steve recently had the opportunity to thank the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) that saved his life by presenting him a "Gold Cross Paramedic of the Year Award" at the 2015 STEMI Summit. The great outdoors is a key component to any Arseneau family activity. They go fishing on Island Lake near Barnes where they can beach the boat in the middle of the lake on an island and enjoy family time in the wilderness. Being avid hunters, Steve and the boys go deer hunting in the fall and also hunt for grouse and pheasant. Lately, Steve prefers to shoot his HD-SLR camera at wildlife. He came close to getting some great shots of a bear and coyote. When asked about his job at the DTA, Steve had nothing but positive things to say. "I enjoy working here and love the people. I also like the benefits; especially the pension," he said. "My wife is also happy to see me coming home now at a decent hour." Steve continued. The DTA commends Steve Arseneau for his dedicated professionalism and congratulates him on being selected Employee of the Month for March of 2016!

\* The Next Board of Directors and Committee Meetings are scheduled for March 30, 2016.

### **Adjournment**

With there being no further business, a motion was made by Vice President Simons and seconded by Director Nelson to adjourn the February 24, 2016 regular Board of Directors and Committee Meetings. The motion was unanimously carried – meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Lisa Paczynski*

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John Brostrom, President

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Date