

**Topeka/Shawnee County Paratransit Council, Inc.**

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**Paratransit Council  
Draft Minutes of the April 16, 2009 Meeting**

**MEMBERS PRESENT: NO QUORUM**

Shelby Fry	TARC
Kathy Brayton	Sheltered Living
Heidi Pickerell	Midland Care Connection
Carolyn Warkentine	Auburn Senior Center
Janlyn Nesbett-Tucker	Topeka Transit
Dorcella Reese	American Red Cross
Deb Shobney	LULAC Senior Center
Debbie Lake	Papan’s Landing Senior Center
Joe Harris	Breakthrough House

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Rebecca Williams	CRC
Sharon Joseph	TLRC

**ABSENT**

Melissa Follmer	Family Service and Guidance Center
Mary Kerr	East Topeka Senior Center
Cheryl Fisher	KDOT

**New Business**

Kathy Brayton made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 2009 meeting, Carolyn Warkentine second.

Shelby asked if anyone had any vehicle complaints to pass on to KDOT. Kathy Brayton commented that Sheltered Living has two brand new Chevy Uplanders and both leak oil. KDOT told her to take the vehicles to the dealership. Dorcella Reese said that the lift latches do not hold well on the Red Cross’ vans (2003 and 2004).

Site visits are being scheduled by KDOT Representative, Cheryl Fisher. During the site visit, Cheryl will want to see your agency’s transportation policy, ridership policy, logbooks, Title 6 brochure, weekly inspections, vehicle paperwork and grant paperwork.

Janlyn Nesbett-Tucker suggested that agencies consider writing a letter to Lynn Jenkins requesting appropriations for vans/KDOT funds. These can be emailed to [josh\\_hersch@jenkins.gov](mailto:josh_hersch@jenkins.gov)

Sharon Joseph presented a resolution from Topekans in Support of Public Transit that she would like the Paratransit Council to sign. Janlyn mentioned that there are elements of the resolution with which Topeka Transit disagrees. Janlyn’s concern is that the resolution uses language that indicates a lack of action from Topeka Transit to secure funding or set goals for future growth. Also, the resolution calls for more city oversight, but Topeka Transit is not a city department. Shelby asked everyone to check with their agencies to see if it would be permissible for the Paratransit Council to submit a letter to the city council to increase the mill cap for Topeka Transit.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Midland's Celebration Walk is May 8<sup>th</sup>.  
Papan's 25 year Anniversary is June 6<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Rebecca Williams, CRC Information Services and Planning Director