

City of Hillsdale
97 N. Broad St., Hillsdale, MI 49242

Local Advisory Council for Dial-A-Ride
Minutes

Conference Room
City Hall

January 3, 2024

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Jason Blake at 1:39 p.m.

Board members present: Edward Swanson
 Shirley Lopez
 Kara Lorenz-Goings

Board Members Absent: Steven Hammett, Barbara Hamdan

Also present were Jason Blake- Director of Public Services, Katy Price- City Clerk.

Approval of Minutes: January 3, 2024 minutes were presented to the committee,

Motion by Lopez to approve minutes as presented, Lorenz-Goings seconded. Voice vote, all in favor, motion approved.

Review Accessibility Plan: Blake reviewed the plan with the committee. Vehicles include access for handicap riders which include but not limited to wheelchair/walker lifts. LAC meets annually. Blake mentioned that the City has four (4) buses for on demand pick. City adopted the age to be 60 years for seniors and not standard 65. Blake reviewed the service areas on a map. He went over Walmart trips and then potential Meijer trips in the future when the store is built. The committee looked over hours of operation; Monday- Friday, 7:15a.m. – 4:15 p.m. excluding 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. for lunches. Discussion ensued on Region 2 Area on Aging name change to WellWise Services.

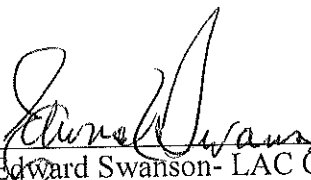
Motioned by Lopez to approve the accessibility plan seconded by Lorenz-Goings. Voice vote, all in favor, motioned passed.

Operating Budget: Jason Blake reviewed the operating budget. There was a brief discussion about general fund transfers, labor costs and ridership increases along cost savings.

Other Business: Discussion on vacant board position; suggestion of a Transportation expert at WellWise Services to join the Committee, benches at stores, Meijer trips and ridership.

Motion by Swanson to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Lopez. Voice vote, all in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.


Edward Swanson- LAC Chairperson

LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HILLSDALE DIAL-A-RIDE

SIGN IN SHEET

JANUARY 3rd , 2024

1:30 PM

Committee Members in Attendance:

Edward Swanson *Edward Swanson*

Shirley Lopez *Shirley Lopez*

Kara Lorenz-Goings *Kara Lorenz-Goings*

Barbara Hamden _____

Steven Hammett _____