

# PORA Sun Cities Transit Committee

## Minutes for Meeting: December 3, 2020, 9:00 am

Members Present: Kathy Chandler, Deeann Hoover, Kate King Yasmina Snider & new member Howard Salten

Members Absence: Harry Abramowski, Barbara Horton, JR Reese, Carmen Reid. Pam Schwartz (leave of absence), Trudy Ware

Minutes: Members present approved the minutes to the 11/18/20 SCTC meeting.

### General Discussion

The Committee discussed the following old and new business.

- Kate voiced concern that the SCTC's two prong educational strategy did not explicitly include other unincorporated areas or stakeholders such as the Posse, & asked for suggestions on how to modify the strategies. The Group agreed to expand the first strategy to read:

“SCTC will educate resident in the Sun Cities and other stakeholders, such as the Posse and unincorporated jurisdictions in Maricopa County, about:...”

- New member Howard Salten described his issues with Paratransit including trying to commute from the airport to SCW with a guide dog and an electric scooter. Kathy described the regulations restricting Paratransit and possible options to supplement this service. The group then spent time educating Howard on its activities.
- Kate described info the PORA Director of Communications shared about SCHOA's communication efforts with its residents that SCTC may be able to use for its educational efforts:

*SCHOA and PORA work in tandem to share info for social media (FB and Instagram). Martha and I are in touch weekly. They send out a printed newsletter monthly. They do not do an electronic news. **Their newsletter gets posted on their website.***

<http://suncityhoa.org/https-www-suncityhoa-org-october-2019-newsletter/>

*She also does a Thirsty Thursday chat (like my Tuesday Talks). I'm not sure how frequent that's been. (Kate found that Thirsty Thursday chats had been canceled because of Covid & will resume at a later time.*

- Kate mentioned that Kathy Stark, who had been mentioned for SCTC membership, was unable to join because of her prior commitments. The SCTC then discussed ideas for recruiting knowledgeable persons who may be interested

in participating on the SCTC, such as participants from Community Action Network in SC & Katy O'Grady of the SCW Rec Centers. Kate will extend an invitation to these individuals.

- Because of the time spent educating a new member, the Group ran out of time for brainstorming options for its two educational strategies. Kate suggested after the meeting that she ask the PORA Director of Communication to post the SCTC minutes on the PORA website. That way a new member could review the minutes in advance of attending the first meeting. These actions would hopefully reduced the amount of time it takes to orient a new member during the meeting.
- The Group decided to meet the **first Wednesday of every month at 10 a.m. Next meeting is scheduled for January 6, 2020 at 10 a.m.**