



Date/Time: July 31, 2025

Location: Fire Station #6

MEETING NOTES

Call to Order: Commission Chair called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Present Members – Anitra Little, Theresa Ann Fanning, Eddie Grills, Alanna Leonberg, Brad Ollis, Amy Provance, Kathy Dockery, Thad Noto, Caitlin Barton

Absentee Members – Laurie Machado, Heather Halsey, Morgan Hogate

Staff and BMA Liaison(s): Adrienne Batara (present), Morris Baker (not present)

Approval of Today's Agenda & Last Month's Minutes: Approval of June 2025 minutes
Motion by Teresa Ann Fanning, Second by Thad Noto , [Aye (All)– all Nay – (0)]

Public Comment: None

KATS Connect Program – Candace Sherer

Public Transportation for the city of Kingsport. New program launched this year. Kats Connect has steadily grown over the years. Prior services offered: fixed route bus service (4 routes) and dial a ride van service (pre-planned service). Four groups of people can use the service: 1 – ADA, 2 – senior citizens 3 – work assisted transportation 4 – Uber like service to any guests (this is the KATS Connect service that is on a trial run). These services are shared ride services, so clients need to be prepared to ride with other guests. Children ride free with an adult 18+ Four times a year KATS offers a dial a ride ticket book sold at half price in order to give an amazing discount to clients.

Typical daily rider numbers are 184 per day on the bus and 110 trips per day on the vans.

You can pay for your ride via phone, cash, monthly pass, and weekly passes. For the bus service you have to be at a bus stop to be picked up. Van trips they will offer assistance on and off the transportation, but are not allowed to assist into the building or home.

Hours are Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Currently there is no plan to extend the hours due to the funding as KATS is federally, state, and city funded and there is not enough to be able to hire the staff needed to extend the hours.

KATS motto is “Taking People Places!”

Vote for Vice-Chair – Little

Anitra asked members to nominate a candidate for vice chair. Anitra Little makes a motion that Alonna Leonberg will act as Vice Chair through the end of 2025. And Amy Provance will act as Vice Chair following that. Theresa Ann Fanning seconds the motion. Aye (all) Naye (none).

State of the City Event – Batara

Be looking for an email coming from Adrienne Batara with an invitation for the KNC to attend the State of the City Event on October 17th, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. at Meadowview.

Closing Comment.

None

Next Meeting Location & Date:

August 28th, 2025 @ Fire Station #6

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM

Minutes submitted by Commissioner Amy Provance