

**Minutes of the April 26, 2016  
Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting**

In Attendance: Councilwoman Mary Dunbar, Sam Bell, Chris Cummings, Sgt. Robert Butler, Marc Lefkowitz, Charlie Mosbrook, Howard Maier, Jonathan Ciesla, Gayle Lewin, Jeffrey Bendix, Richard Wong, Kathy Petrey and Jennifer Kuzma

Co-Chair Howard Maier called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

*APPROVAL OF MARCH 2016 MINUTES:* Howard asked for action on the March 2016 minutes. Sam Bell made a motion to approve the minutes and Charlie Mosbrook seconded the motion. **All members present were in favor and the minutes were approved unanimously.**

*NEW BUSINESS:*

*NEW TAC APPOINTMENTS:* Newly appointed members of the Transportation Advisory Committee introduced themselves to the group. They include: Sam Bell, Cleveland Heights Business Representative; Jeffrey Bendix, Schools Representative and Gayle Lewin, At-large Appointee. Welcomes were shared among the members of the Committee.

*RTA UPDATE:* Howard remarked that the \$7M gap in RTA's budget will be addressed at the RTA board meeting in June. Potential route cuts and fare increases will likely be voted on at that meeting. Kathy presented on the Federal Transit Authority and RTA Service Guidelines raising concern that there is no single route service from Cleveland Heights directly downtown. After citing a number of concerns and holding discussion on those topics, it was agreed that Kathy would use her research to draft a letter from Councilwoman Dunbar to City Council. (This letter ended up being a letter sent from Mayor Stephens to Joe Calabrese and the entire RTA board.)

*OLD BUSINESS:*

*MAYFIELD ROAD SIGNALIZATION:* Traffic lights at Mayfield Roads and Eddington, Ivydale, Cleveland Heights Boulevard and Ardoon Roads are now flashing caution for a 90 day evaluation period. Discussion was held on pedestrian and bicyclist safety concerns.

*NOBLE ROAD – ROAD DIET UPDATE:* Richard gave an update on the Noble Road Road Diet including the striping study currently underway with the County. Richard anticipates he will give a presentation to the Noble Neighbors group this summer as more information becomes available.

*LEE ROAD BIKE/PEDSTRIAN CRASH STATISTICS DISCUSSION:* Sgt. Butler presented that there were two bicyclist and two pedestrian crashes in 2015. The members present had some discussion on this information and agreed that upcoming work on Lee Road raises concerns that more crashes may occur in 2016.

*CLEVELAND HEIGHTS MASTER PLAN UPDATE:* Howard serves as the TAC representative on the Master Planning Committee and he explained that the group is currently at the policy process step. He and other members of the Master Plan Steering Committee would like to see implementable steps. Richard agreed that staff would like to see the same as work continues on the Plan.

Some general announcements were then made including dates of Bike Month events including the bike auction on Sunday, May 22 from 1-3 PM which will feel like more of a community event. Heights Bicycle Coalition will celebrate Bike Month with a number of events including Walk or Bike to School Day on

May 4, All Geared Up on May 14, Ride of Silence on May 18, and Bike to Work Day on May 20 at Edgehill and Overlook Roads from 7-9 AM.

**NEXT MEETING DATE & ADJOURNMENT: Members agreed that the next meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee would be held on Tuesday, May 24 at 7 PM.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 PM.**

*Approved: May 24, 2016.*

*Minutes note: Bolded items are official action items approved by TAC.*