

**Minutes of the March 22, 2016  
Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting**

In Attendance: Councilwoman Mary Dunbar, Chief Annette Mecklenburg, Sam Bell, Chris Cummings, Sgt. Robert Butler, Marc Lefkowitz, Charlie Mosbrook, Andre Spencer, Richard Wong, Kathy Petrey and Jennifer Kuzma

Co-Chair Marc Lefkowitz called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. TAC members introduced themselves to new Cleveland Heights Police Chief Annette Mecklenburg and Sgt. Robert Butler who will now attend TAC meetings.

*APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2015 MINUTES:* Marc asked for action on the December minutes. Charlie made a motion to approve the minutes and Chris seconded the motion. **All members present were in favor and the minutes were approved unanimously.**

*CLEVELAND HEIGHTS MASTER PLAN UPDATE:* Richard thanked TAC members for their input on the public meeting back in late February. Charlie asked if TAC could ask the County to come to a TAC meeting before the next public meeting so the group could provide some direct input. The next public meeting is scheduled to happen over the summer months although the schedule is changing regularly.

*TAC APPOINTMENTS:* Gayle Lewin will become an official TAC appointee at the next Cleveland Heights Council Meeting. Sam Bell, owner of the Lusty Wrench, attended the meeting and introduced himself to TAC members. Sam is the owner of the Lusty Wrench and has a strong bike ethic. His past includes authoring articles for automobile repair publications, research work with Case Western Reserve University and participation in transportation alternatives and environmental awareness. Sam would like to be considered for the Business Owner vacant seat on TAC. Sam briefly left the room while TAC members discussed his application. Other applicants included Jeff Bendix for the vacant Schools Representative seat and Matt Step from the Swedish Solution repair shop. City Council will review the applications and take action on them in April meetings.

*RTA UPDATE:* Those members present discussed the RTA route cuts and fare increases. At a recent public meeting, RTA announced a \$7M budget gap that needs to be closed. State Representatives Janine Boyd and Stephanie Howse both provided testimony at a public meeting and are trying to bring this issue to the forefront at the State House. Shaker Heights has submitted a letter with their concerns as well. Discussion about past changes in routes and fees was held and Kathy suggested that City Council embark on a study of public transportation needs in Cleveland Heights. It was suggested that the group be prepared with questions for Jonathan at the next TAC meeting.

*NEW BUSINESS:* Discussion on the Mayfield Road Signalization Review was led by Police Chief Mecklenburg. A signal warrant study was completed and as a result four intersections along Mayfield Road (Eddington, Ivydale, Cleveland Heights Boulevard and Ardoon) will flash for 90 days for evaluation. Funding for new signalization on Mayfield Road is the impetus for this work. Many signals are in poor condition and parts for repairs are sometimes not even available to keep the current lights in working order. The Noble Road Road Diet Update was presented by Richard. The upcoming public meeting has been postponed. This work has been pushed back, which will possibly allow for water line replacement work in 2017. Sgt. Butler will prepare information on Lee Road bike and pedestrian accidents for the next meeting. Councilwoman Dunbar also reported that 108 bike helmets were awarded to Canterbury and 72 to Fairfax Elementary Schools through the APA Put a Lid on It Grant. They will be used at the upcoming All Geared Up event on May 14 and Bike to School Day on May 4.

*NEXT MEETING DATE & ADJOURNMENT:* **Members agreed that the next meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee would held on Tuesday, April 27 at 7 PM.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 PM.**

*Approved: April 26, 2016.*

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