

**Minutes of the June 28, 2016
Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting**

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

Co-Chair Howard Maier called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 2016 MINUTES: Howard asked for action on the May 2016 minutes. Sam Bell moved to approve the minutes and Jeff Bendix seconded the motion. **All members present were in favor and the minutes were approved unanimously.**

MASTER PLAN UPDATE: Howard led the group through a review of the Master Plan Draft Policies. Some of the topics discussed included Marc suggesting transit oriented design which was also discussed with County Planning Commission. High density residential and commercial/office areas to encourage connectivity, access to public transportation and walking would be priorities using this design method. As discussion and review continued, Sgt. Butler announced the parking app Passport which will launch this summer. Howard took the comments and feedback from TAC members and will share it with County Planning Commission staff working on the Plan. Some of these topics included a bike network, synchronized traffic lights and driverless cars and the need for climate change improvement standards within the Plan. The second public meeting is scheduled for July 14 at the Community Center at 7 PM to gather feedback on the draft policies.

NEW BUSINESS: Jennifer shared the free shuttle service maps Councilwoman Mary Dunbar shared with her. Marc mentioned that he uses the shuttle from time to time and it is a nice option for shuttle service to university circle. Discussion turned to other ride share websites and apps and Sam mentioned the “next bus” app which could link all regional shuttle services and where they go. The Transportation Subcommittee of Sustainable Heights is exploring this a bit under Sam’s leadership.

OLD BUSINESS:

RTA ROUTE CUTS UPDATE: Jonathan reported that the RTA board approved fare increases which will stagger up over three years. Service changes will begin to take effect August 14 as the 37 will no longer run south of Severance. Routes 34, 32 and 7 will all be effected. Jennifer will share the letter that Mayor Stephens received from RTA CEO Joe Calabrese in response to her letter. Kathy reminded TAC members that distribution of service remains an issue and suggested that TAC pay attention to it. Some areas where other educational opportunities are rising up including the Clevelanders for Public Transit effort which is forming and gaining County Council attention and a new transportation reporter is writing for The Plain Dealer.

RESURFACING AND SIGNAL PROCEDURES: TAC members asked that Andre and Jennifer pass along a thank you to Joe Kickel for his participation at the May meeting. Many of the items TAC members identified as concerns have since been addressed by the service department and road crews. It was mentioned that Cottage Grove is impassable on bike with raised sewer grates and great need for concrete repairs. Other suggestions include a possible change to on demand flashing on Lee road versus just fulltime flashing which is now hardly noticed by drivers. Sam Bell also suggested the city participate in the upcoming Sustainable Cleveland 2020 Transportation Summit.

NEXT MEETING DATE & ADJOURNMENT: **Members agreed that the next meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee would Tuesday, July 26 at 7 PM.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Approved: July 26, 2016

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