Minutes of the September 27, 2016 Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

In Attendance: Sam Bell, Jeff Bendix, Sgt. Robert Butler, Jonathan Ciesla, Councilwoman Mary Dunbar, Marc Lefkowitz, Gayle Lewin, Howard Maier, Charlie Mosbrook, Kathy Petrey, Andre Spencer and Richard Wong

Co-Chair Howard Maier called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 2016 MINUTES: Howard asked for action on the August 2016 minutes. Mary furnished corrections which she said were not substantive. Marc moved approval and Kathy Petrey seconded the motion. All members present were in favor and the minutes were approved with Mary's corrections.

RTA UPDATE: Jonathan described an app called RTA CLE for purchasing tickets from a smart phone. He said Noble Road's bus stops were being evaluated. Stops optimally are 880' apart for efficiency. Members discussed funding of RTA.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cedar Lee's streetscape was discussed in light of a recent bicycle crash by ex-Transportation Advisory Committee member Gary Schumacher. Sam Bell said Gary lost control, hitting a curb bump out. Suggestions such as collapsible bollards were offered to make the bump outs more visible at night. A member suggested using "bikes may use full lane" wording, too, to make drivers aware of the law. [Subsequent research verified that "bikes may use full lane" signs are to be installed as part of the streetscape.] Marc asked about the varying speed limit on Lee, pointing out that the speed limit at the Main Library was 30 miles per hour. He suggested that speed limits be a future agenda item.

The Coventry-Fairmount intersection was discussed. An "8 80 City Walk Audit" checklist was filled out during the evaluation. Marc had obtained the form from the recent Sustainable Cleveland 2019 Summit. In Chris Cummings' absence, Marc distributed a printed redesign of the intersection that was created by Chris to improve pedestrian safety and clarify vehicle routes. Gayle suggested lane signs explaining if thru movements, left turns or right turns were permitted in each lane. Another suggestion was to study vehicle tire tracks on a snowy day to determine the sections of road that were unused. For environmental, scenic and traffic calming benefits, landscaped beds could be where vehicles did not travel, members suggested. Sam Bell said he had not experienced the same discomfort bicycling, walking and driving through this intersection.

OLD BUSINESS:

Members agreed to include the Crash and Safety Statistics at a future meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE & ADJOURNMENT: Members agreed that the next meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee would be Tuesday, October 25 at 7 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Approved:

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