

**Minutes of the November 3, 2016
Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting**

In Attendance: Councilwoman Mary Dunbar, Sam Bell, Jonathan Ciesla, Katherine Petrey, Charlie Mosbrook, Richard Wong, Andre' Spencer, Marc Lefkowitz, Jeff Bendix, Jennifer Kuzma

Co-Chair Marc Lefkowitz called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 2016 MINUTES: Marc asked for action on the September 2016 minutes. Sam Bell made a motion to approve the minutes which was seconded by Charlie Mosbrook. **All members present were in favor and the minutes were approved unanimously.**

RTA UPDATE:

Jonathan reported on the recent announcement of an additional budget shortfall due to the federal mandate that the State of Ohio can no longer collect sales tax on Medicare purchases. Advocacy will be greatly needed and the group offered its assistance as RTA and the County work together on this issue. Concentration on the Finance Committee of both the House and Senate will be important going forward. Jonathan also mentioned that RTA expects to start holding public hearings in April or May 2017 for December 2017 cuts which could be up to 8-10% of the entire system. Jonathan also reported that the December 4th Service Change should just be slight adjustments of times. Signs will go up in red where pick up/drop offs will end and yellow signs will go up where slight changes will be made.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion was held on a concern Marc Lefkowitz received from a resident regarding street crossing issues at Monticello and Lee. The group agreed that there was not much that could be done in a cost efficient way to improve this and that the resident should consider using the crosswalk at Mayfield and Lee Roads as an alternative when exiting the Community Center.

Councilwoman Dunbar opened the discussion on the upcoming renewal of Cleveland Heights' Bike Friendly Award stating that the first deadline to renew and potentially reach the silver award level is coming up in February 2017. She and Jennifer will work together again on this application. There is an additional deadline in July, should it be needed.

Jennifer reported that the following TAC appointments will expire on December 31, 2016: Howard Maier, Katherine Petrey, Sam Bell and Chris Cummings and that she will reach out to those individuals about their interest to serve again. The need for a 2017 co-chair election was also discussed by the group.

OLD BUSINESS:

TAC will hold off on continued discussion on crash/safety statistics until the December meeting.

The group then moved into discussions on recommendations made by TAC members on the Fairmount and Coventry intersection. It was suggested that TAC could recommend that during the slower months City engineers may be able to evaluate the suggestions made by TAC members as potential solutions to give this intersection better travel ability and safety for all using the intersection. A suggestion was also made to talk with Fairmount Presbyterian to make sure that they are aware if and when this evaluation occurs.

Councilwoman Dunbar and Sam Bell provided a brief report on the November 1st Master Plan Public Hearing on the Implementation portion of the Plan. Sam felt that coordination of utility and public works jobs should be a high priority. Marc also mentioned that the adoption of a Complete and Green Streets Policy would cover all of these areas. For those who were not able to attend the public hearing, comments can be made at online at tinyurl.com/ClevelandHeightsPM3Survey through November 20.

It was reported that Ardoon Road signalization is not completely off the table and a public meeting may be held on this in the future.

Councilwoman Dunbar shared details of the upcoming Cranksgiving event scheduled for Saturday, November 19 at 10:30 AM with Bike Cleveland. Participants will travel Cleveland Heights by bike to pick up donations as part of this holiday food drive.

***NEXT MEETING DATE & ADJOURNMENT:* Members agreed that the next meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee will be Tuesday, December 6 at 7 PM.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 PM.

Approved: December 6, 2016

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