

**Minutes of the December 6, 2016
Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting**

In Attendance: Councilwoman Mary Dunbar, Sam Bell, Sgt. Robert Butler, Jonathan Ciesla, Chris Cummings, Charlie Mosbrook, Marc Lefkowitz, Jennifer Kuzma, Howard Maier, Richard Wong (joined late following another meeting)

Co-Chair Marc Lefkowitz called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

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

RTA UPDATE:

Jonathan gave a quick update on the December 4th service change which includes minor adjustments to the 5 and 41 routes. Discussion then turned to lobbying efforts including discussion on more regional advocacy efforts with UCI and the County and the possible identification of groups like the elderly or handicapped who could bring a more personal layer to advocacy. After some discussion Jonathan said he would talk with RTA and get more direction so TAC's recommendations or efforts would best compliment RTA efforts.

NEW BUSINESS:

The 2016 TAC Presentation to City Council was discussed by committee members in attendance. It was agreed that going before City Council with an annual report would be a good way to show the work areas TAC focused its efforts on in 2016. Howard and Marc will work together to develop a draft report which will be brought back to TAC at the January meeting for review.

Councilwoman Dunbar expressed her frustrations with the pending Safe Routes Infrastructure work. Howard suggested Councilwoman Dunbar set up a meeting to talk with ODOT District Deputy Director Pakush to discuss these concerns.

Sam Bell presented the Next Bus App idea to TAC members. Under the leadership of Sustainable Heights Network's proposal for a Next Bus App to expand the use of jitney buses in our area. The app would tell riders where they are in relation to buses and where you can get on or off those buses. Sam is hoping that groups like City of Cleveland Heights, University Hospital, Cleveland Clinic, Case, University Circle, JCU and others would consider joining this effort and opening their buses to other riders. After some discussion and encouragement of this idea, Sam Bell made a motion to have the Transportation Advisory Committee's "nod of approval" when going before Cleveland Heights City Council to present this idea. **Chris Cummings seconded the motion and all TAC members present were in favor.** Sam also discussed the SHN second proposal to educate and change vehicle idling in Cleveland Heights. After some discussion Howard suggested Sam speak with Pam Davis at NOACA who may be able to offer Sam some assistance. Howard then made a motion to give TAC's support to the anti-idling program with others in the region. **Marc seconded the motion and all TAC members present were in favor of the motion and it passed unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Marc shared the Bike Pittsburgh research with TAC members. It summarized very "see-ably" the data in ways that other reports have not been able to accomplish. It was suggested that a similar format could help support complete street policies.

The group expressed their thanks to TAC member Gayle Lewin for sending in the photo of the peanut roundabout for their group's review.

Howard reported that Master Plan was progressing well and no major developments had occurred since the last TAC meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE & ADJOURNMENT: Members agreed that the next meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee will be Tuesday, January 24 at 7 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 PM.

Approved: January 24, 2017

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