

**Minutes of the April 21, 2015
Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting**

In attendance: Gary Schumacher, Andre Spencer, Julie Lustic, Sgt. Ben Osowski, Richard Wong, Charlie Mosbrook, Marc Lefkowitz, Chris Cummings, Howard Maier, Jeffrey Macko (RTA Alternate) Antoine Buie (RTA Alternate), Jennifer Kuzma and Akshai Singh

The meeting began at 7:06 PM. Charlie made a motion to approve the March 2015 minutes as updated by Jennifer with edits provided by Jonathan Ciesla. Seconded by Sgt. Osowski, the **minutes were approved unanimously.**

Jennifer provided a quick update on the TAC vacant seat. One application had been received since the first City Facebook posting. The group decided that a second posting and an update to the TAC web page on the City's website could help. Councilwoman Dunbar will repost it on the HBC Facebook page and will look into the Heights Observer. Any TAC members who know of others who may be willing to serve should mention the opportunity to those individuals.

Jeffrey Macko and Antoine Buie introduced themselves to the group as the usual RTA representative Jonathan Ciesla was not available to attend the April TAC meeting. Antoine stated that there is not a scheduled ribbon cutting day for the Mayfield Road Station. Chris Cummings, who's been involved with the project, suggested that the project won't be completed until July. Antoine also reported that there is bicycling parking at the new Mayfield Road Station for four bikes. Marc asked if there will be any new lighting under the bridge at the Mayfield Station. RTA representatives said they would look into that question. Antoine also mentioned that the Call for Artists proposals for the Little Italy/UCI area for bike rack designs are due May 1st. TAC members asked if Jeffrey and Antoine could discuss how a station is designed. It was explained that public input meetings are held by RTA and the design team then incorporates that information into the design. An environmental assessment was done and Chris explained he was involved with the Mayfield Station assessment and that the Mayfield Station is ADA compliant with an elevator. Antoine mentioned that he is involved with the connectivity study for the 9 bus and that the re-routed 9 route is available. Discussion then turned to the Cedar Station which has three bike racks. Marc asked how the bike racks (placement and design) are considered for the station design since the non-traditional design can sometimes not even be recognized as an actual bike rack. Akshai suggested that RTA stop the 32 bus consolidation around the Heights High School during the renovation work. Antoine noted the suggested and said that many things are taken into consideration for the consolidations like streetscape work, major construction, etc. Howard thanked Jeffrey and Antoine for joining the meeting and for their wonderful input.

The group then reviewed the Complete Streets policy draft. Richard led the group section by section through the document explaining that he used the National Complete Streets Coalition's The Best Complete Streets Policies of 2014 top winner from Ogdensburg, NY as his template. Improving upon the Ogdensburg policy will hopefully give Cleveland Heights a great opportunity to land a top spot in the 2015 Best Complete Streets Policies listing! Richard took feedback and suggestions from TAC members and will finalize the document with those ideas.

Discussion then turned to the old business update. Marc asked if there was any update on the wayfinding work done in 2014. Richard said there was a NAOCA grant due in May that he would be working on now that the Complete Streets policy is nearly finalized.

Howard then opened new business asking if group might be interested in hearing from University Circle consultants or Chris Bongorno about the UCI Master Transportation Plan meeting that Howard, Marc, Mary and Richard all attended. Details from the Plan work can be found at www.universitycircle.org/transportation study. Howard then asked about the TAC seat on the Master Plan Steering Committee and suggested that maybe he and Marc share the seat and attend the meetings alternately.

Other New Business discussion included a mention of UCI's Transportation and Mobility Study which should be completed in late-June and University Heights' interest to make the Cedar and Warrensville intersection more bike friendly. The group was also reminded that annual bike counts are taken in May and that NOACA needs volunteers. Mary also mentioned that May is Bike Month and HBC has many events planned including the Ride of Silence and a family biking event on May 16. Mary reminded members of the HBC Annual Meeting at the Superior Schoolhouse on Sunday, April 26 at 4 PM. Richard will present at the meeting.

Tuesday, May 19 at 7 PM was set for the next meeting date.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

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

Approved 5/19/2015.