

**Minutes of the October 20, 2015
Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting**

In Attendance: Sgt. Ben Osowski, Julie Lustic, Chris Cummings, Gayle Lewin, Jacob Van Sickle, Marc Lefkowitz, Jonathan Ciesla, Richard Wong, Kathy Petrey, Howard Maier, Charlie Mosbrook and Jennifer Kuzma

Co-Chair Marc Lefkowitz called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM and welcomed Jacob Van Sickle to the meeting. Executive Director of Bike Cleveland, Jacob Van Sickle gave those present an update on a region-wide bike share program for Cuyahoga County. RFP's are currently being reviewed from four companies who submitted by the October deadline. It is expected that the Bike Share Task Force will make a decision by 10/30 on which proposal could fit Cuyahoga County's needs best. Jacob also discussed HB154 and SB192 which seek to make Ohio the next state to adopt the three-foot passing law. Both bills are currently in committees and Jacob will send us details on those committees so we can consider lending our support. Jacob provided sample local ordinances for potential use in Cleveland Heights.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 2015 MINUTES: Howard Maier asked for action on the September minutes. Kathy made a motion to approve the minutes and Julie seconded the motion. **All members present were in favor and the minutes were approved unanimously.**

RTA UPDATE: Jonathan gave an update on the Winter 2015 Service Change which will take effect on 11/22/15. A copy is attached. Some specific concerns were brought up by TAC members – Charlie Mosbrook was concerned that handicapped riders can't get from the station to east bound stops on the #9. Jonathan knew the specific area Charlie was referring to and indicated that it was in Cleveland and that he would try to look into it and report back at the next meeting. Kathy also commented that public transit access from Cleveland Heights to downtown has been reduced greatly over recent years and it should be a TAC focus in the future. Jonathan will also look at RTA service in Cleveland Heights and will report back to the group.

EXPIRING TAC APPOINTMENTS: Discussion was held on the TAC expiring appointments. Once Jennifer is able to confirm the desires of the expiring appointments, she will send out an email detailing whose term is expiring along with the application. Members will consider possible candidates and ask them to complete the application so TAC members can review them at the next meeting on December 1 at 7 PM. Gayle Lewin attended the meeting and expressed her interest in serving on TAC. She has already submitted an application to Jennifer. Jennifer also reported that she received an email from Gary Schumacher just before the meeting that he has resigned effective immediately, so this will be another position to fill.

EASTSIDE GREENWAY RECOMMENDATION: After some discussion the group agreed that Councilwoman Dunbar should bring the TAC letter recommending City Council endorse the East Side Greenway Plan to an upcoming Council Committee of the Whole meeting to see if they would lend their support to the study. A motion to approve the letter drafted by Jennifer was made by Julie and seconded by Chris. **All members present were in favor of the motion.**

CLEVELAND HEIGHTS MASTER PLAN UPDATE: Howard reported that this group had their first meeting and it was basically an introductory meeting explaining the process and timeline for the Master Plan development.

NEW BUSINESS: The group had a discussion about the Dominion project on Coventry and concerns around navigating walkways during the construction. Richard and Jennifer reminded TAC members that residents need to inform the City of concerns like these as projects move forward. Both the City's Service Department and Community Relations Department are available to assist with these concerns and should be contacted when residents are struggling with construction.

NEXT MEETING DATE & ADJOURNMENT: **Members agreed that the next meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee would be December 1 at 7 PM City Hall.** This meeting will serve as both the November and December meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06.

Approved: December 1, 2015

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