

July 25, 2018 Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Sam Bell, Jeff Bendix, Jonathan Ciesla, Councilperson Mary Dunbar, Marc Lefkowitz, Gayle Lewin, Kathy Petrey, and Richard Wong

Co-Chair Marc Lefkowitz called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 27, 2018 MINUTES: Marc asked for an action on the May minutes. Members noted discrepancies on the attendance calendar. **Sam moved to approve the minutes as amended and Jeff seconded the motion which passed unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Richard handed out a memo from Law Director Jim Juliano about speed limits. Gayle said that lowering the speed limit required a study. If the study found 85 percent of drivers were at or below the speed limit, a case could be made to reduce the speed. Pedestrians' injuries and other conditions would help to establish the need. Kathy noted that Euclid Heights Boulevard was not in the memo. Gayle said at Fairmount and West St. James a raised intersection could slow drivers. Jeff noted brick crosswalks at Adelbert. Kathy suggested looking at the definition of a "through highway" and asked that those streets be determined by the City. Gayle asked that Law explain procedures for reducing the speed limit on non-through highways. Kathy said the City's Charter affords "Home Rule" powers that could be pertinent. Marc said advisory speed limit signs are another technique. Kathy said the City could add more 4-way stops. Mary questioned Euclid Heights Boulevard's 35 mile per hour speed limit. Mary said she would send the Law Department a follow-up inquiry.
- Richard passed out the City-wide Promotional Initiative handout. The goal was to discover and define the brand of the City and then promote the City using that branding.
- Marc suggested signs leading bicyclists to the Cedar Hill trail.
- Jonathan said that a service change will occur Sunday, August 12. The 41 and 41F resume school trips and the route will extend to Solon at Cochran Road. CEO Joe Calabrese after 18 years was stepping down, becoming part-time in February. The pace of selecting his replacement is up to the RTA Board. RTA is considering hiring a consultant to evaluate service and routes.
- On the topic of Areas of Concern, Mary said she planned to share with Parks and Recreation Director Joe McRae a collaboration between York, PA and health professionals. York received a Silver Bike Friendly Community designation from the League of American Bicyclists.
- Gayle asked about Bike Friendly Businesses, which was also a League of American Bicyclists' initiative.
- Mary suggested to Chris Ronayne that bike racks be added to the University Circle to Cleveland Heights shuttles. Coventry boardings were high.
- Marc set up a Facebook page for the TAC. Fairmount-Coventry was mentioned by people visiting the page as a place needing improved crossing facilities, most notably at Clarkson and Coventry.
- Members suggested a summer recess next year because of people's absences.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURNMENT: **Members agreed that the next meeting would be 7PM Wednesday, August 22. They adjourned at 8:59.**

Approved:

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

2018 TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE

	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUN.	JUL.	AUG.	SEP.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
SAM BELL/BUSINESS	✓	✓	✓	⌘	✓	✓	✓	⌘				
JEFFREY BENDIX/SCHOOLS	✓	✓	✓	⌘	✓	✗	✓	⌘				
JONATHAN CIESLA/GCRTA	✓	✓	✓ ●	⌘	✓	✓	✓	⌘				
CHRIS CUMMINGS/TRANSIT	✓	✗	✓	⌘	✗	✗	✗	⌘				
MARC LEFKOWITZ/BIKES	✓	✓	✓	⌘	✗	✓	✓	⌘				
GAYLE LEWIN/AT LARGE	✓	✓	✓	⌘	✓	✗	✓	⌘				
HOWARD MAIER/AT LARGE	✓	✓	✓	⌘	✓	✗	✗	⌘				
CHARLIE MOSBROOK/ADA	✓	✓	✓	⌘	✓	✗	✗	⌘				
KATHY PETREY/PEDESTRIANS	✓	✗	✓	⌘	✗	✓	✓	⌘				
MARY DUNBAR	✓	✓	✓	⌘	✓	✓	✓	⌘				
JOE KICKEL/P. WORKS	✓	✗	✗	⌘	✓	✗	✗	⌘				
SEAN GIDEON/POLICE	✓	✓	✗	⌘	✗	✗	✗	⌘				
RICHARD WONG/PLANNING	✓	✓	✓	⌘	✓	✓	✓	⌘				

⌘ = Meeting canceled

✗ = absent

✓ = present

● = Joel Freilich, GCRTA alternate attended