

January 23, 2019 Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Sam Bell, Jeff Bendix, Gayle Lewin, Mary Dunbar, Joel Freilich, Joe Kickel, Marc Lefkowitz, Howard Maier, Charlie Mosbrook, Kathy Petrey, Sergeant Mary Grace Tokmenko, Richard Wong

Co-Chair Howard Maier called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 3, 2018 MINUTES: ***Jeff Moved to approve the minutes. Sam seconded the motion which passed unanimously.***

NEW BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Mary said the Housing and Transportation Committee of City Council would meet January 28. The Law Department memo on reducing the speed limit of a street was discussed. Vision Zero- the goal of making changes such that no fatalities on roads occurred- was brought up. Mary mentioned that the topic of bike-ability and walkability were mentioned by interviewees of a consultant who is working on understanding and developing the City's brand. Kathy said decreasing speeding on a city's streets was a movement and City Council should know what was possible. Lexington, Kentucky has a 25-mile-per-hour speed limit unless a road is posted otherwise. Jeff liked uniformity of such a change. Joe said the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices required an engineer's study to change the speed. Kathy cited findings that a traffic engineer's study was not required in all instances. Gayle noted that Euclid Heights Boulevard was entirely within the City boundaries. She questioned how the City would acquaint unfamiliar drivers about the reduced speed limit and suggested studying this street-by-street. Mary added that she was against people driving through Cleveland Heights too fast. Sam, Marc and Kathy said they would plan to attend the City Council meeting on January 28 at 7:00 PM.
- ***Howard moved that further study of Vision Zero occur by the City pursuant to the Law Department memo and other cities' move to reduce speed and traffic deaths. Seconded by Sam, the motion was unanimously approved.***
- Joe updated members on his application for Safe Routes to School funding to implement parts of the travel plan that have not been built. Edgehill and Overlook's intersection will be rebuilt starting in March. The project was bid for \$215,000 of which \$100,000 was a NOACA grant. He noted how construction costs continue to increase but the gas tax revenue stays the same. FixourroadsOhio.com is a website about the need to increase in this tax.
- Joe presented Meadowbrook Road's reconstruction, saying that the cost to decrease the turning radius at Rinard and at Queenston will be evaluated. He explained that the source of funding for the project is from the state's gas tax which hasn't increased since 2005. His observation regarding the speed of Meadowbrook traffic was that east of Rinard on-street parking keeps speed low. Gayle and Sam requested that trees be added where missing on the tree lawn. Joe agreed but added that in the first two years watering of the tree is crucial and would be the responsibility of the abutting owner. The City always seeks consent from that owner.
- Mary mentioned wanting a plan that connected the bike trails in Cain, Cumberland, Forest Hill and Shaker Lakes.
- Joes said a study of fare policies was underway and should be done by June. CSU was studying RTA's economic impact on the community. A 9 AM, March 5 presentation to RTA's Board of Trustees is planned. Consultant Jarrett Walker + Associates is looking at RTA service with fresh eyes. Operations with less funds and with more funds will be envisioned. A questionnaire will be available in one

or two weeks for the public to provide opinions about operations. Presentations about the study are planned for Tuesdays on February 19, July 9 and October 1. The Greater Cleveland Partnership is helping RTA look at additional administrative staff cuts.

- Mary said that the library's Sam Lapidis is looking into the Library becoming a Bicycle Friendly Business. She asked about the City of Cleveland Heights becoming one, too. Kathy said churches and synagogues may be good candidates. She wanted to know the criteria for becoming a Bicycle Friendly Business.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURNMENT: **Howard adjourned the meeting at 9:06.**

Approved:

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

2019 TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE

	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUN.	JUL.	AUG.	SEP.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC
SAM BELL/BUSINESS	✓											
JEFFREY BENDIX/SCHOOLS	✓											
JOEL FREILICH/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	✓											
SGT TOKMENKO/POLICE	✓											
RICHARD WONG/PLANNING	✓											

⌘ = Meeting canceled

✗ = absent

✓ = present