

Transportation Advisory Committee June 26, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Sam Bell, Chris Cummings, Mary Dunbar, Gayle Lewin, Howard Maier, Charlie Mosbrook, Kathy Petrey, Sergeant Mary Grace Tokmenko, Richard Wong

Co-Chair Sam Bell called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

APPROVAL OF MAY 22, 2019 MINUTES: ***Howard moved to approve the minutes. Kathy seconded the motion which passed unanimously.***

NEW BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. UPDATES:

- Richard said consultants from City Architecture and WSP engineers held a first meeting with the City about Compton Road's potential to be a Complete and Green Street.
- Mary said Noble Neighbors were working with an entomologist on a planting concept that would add plants that support pollinator insects in the neighborhood. The entomologist also suggested rain gardens. Sam said the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District staff would be a good resource, too. Gayle suggested the Forest Hill sand box as a suitable place for a rain garden adding that Chagrin River Watershed offered incentives for rain gardens. Kathy said that sidewalks can be unsafe when water and mud is on a sidewalk and said the City should require correction of those unsafe conditions, including encouraging installation of rain gardens. Howard suggested including Home Repair Resource Center whose staff might provide advice on landscaping and rain gardens. Gayle said Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District's Amy Roskilly may be a good resource. Charlie suggested working with the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes.
- Sam said Edgehill at Overlook had a red flashing traffic light that should be returned to the intersection. Gayle said Overlook should be repaved once the College Club construction is done.
- Howard said the traffic signals at Coventry and Fairmount are confusing. Kathy agreed and said that overhead signs would help. Gayle said the signals are not visible to a driver in the intersection waiting to turn left. Howard suggested moving the signals to make them more visible and painting striping to guide drivers through the intersection.
- Sam said northbound Coventry's right on red at Euclid Heights Boulevard is a problem. He asked if unneeded asphalt could be removed without too much cost. Charlie said the traffic signal may be an issue, too.

B. TOP OF THE HILL AND SIDESTREET PARKING AND TRAFFIC STUDIES

- Richard briefed members on the two studies. The Top of the Hill land uses and layout of buildings and drives were projected to not cause a noticeable difference in traffic volume on any street. Residents on streets south of

Cedar had complained of parking and traffic issues, so a separate, related study was promised. That study is underway, collecting parking and traffic data to understand the issues. A survey would be sent to the Grandview, Bellfield, Delaware, South Overlook and Harcourt residents about their opinions.

- C. HIGH PRIORITY AND-OR LOW EXPENSE ACTIONS AND CRASH DATA MAPPING
- Richard showed members three maps illustrating all crashes, bicycle-only crashes, and pedestrian-only crashes from the past five years. Members then commented about conditions that could have led to areas where several crashes occurred. Richard said he would share the comments with the Capital Projects Manager, Joe Kickel. **Gayle moved to forward the proposed list of ideas to Public Works. Seconded by Howard, the motion was unanimously approved.**
- D. OTHER NEW BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- Sam wanted to look at scooter regulations. He mentioned bike boxes, too. Gayle said a parallel parking space would be suitable for conversion to bike share bike parking.
 - Howard wanted Senior Transportation Connection to be a future topic. He wanted TAC to consider a recommendation that the City help pay for this system. Mary asked what transportation is provided by the City's Office on Aging. Gayle suggested inviting the Office on Aging first. Howard was going to call Amy Jenkins.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business was mentioned.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURNMENT:

Members agreed that the next meeting would be Wednesday, July 31. Sam adjourned the meeting at 9:08.

Approved:

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