

Transportation Advisory Committee July 31, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Sam Bell, Chris Cummings, Mary Dunbar, Joe Kickel, Marc Lefkowitz, Gayle Lewin, Howard Maier, Kathy Petrey, Sergeant Mary Grace Tokmenko

Co-Chair Gayle Lewin called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 26, 2019 MINUTES: ***Sam moved to approve the minutes. Chris seconded the motion which passed unanimously.***

NEW BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. CROSSWALKS AND CROSSING GUARDS:

- Police Chief Mecklenburg handed out a list of crossing guard locations. They are only for elementary schools. It is hard to find people to be crossing guards because they work only two hours a day for \$10.12 an hour. CH-UH schools pay half of this cost. The City was looking into possibly adding guards at the Coventry-Fairmount and the St. James and Fairmount intersections but crossing guard availability could be a factor.
- Sam brought up the length of the crosswalk at Coventry and Scarborough and that the timing for the green phase was insufficient. Joe said he'd look into it.
- Mary talked about the moveable speed feedback signs that the police place throughout the city. The Chief said that the signs record and provide speed data.
- Chris asked if the PTA can get parents to work as crossing guards.

B. A GREENER HEIGHTS- PEGGY SPAETH AND JOHN BARBER

- Peggy said planting native species of trees and flowers in tree lawns would require less maintenance and less mowing. She cited the City's Master Plan. Twelve houses on Bradford installed pollinator path gardens and were shown in photos. Peggy talked about the annuals planted on Lee Road, as well as non-native plants.
- Members suggested inviting the City Forester to a future meeting.

C. OTHER NEW BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Gail introduced a group of gentlemen who briefly discussed an electric car share program.
- Howard asked about NOACA's ride share program.
- Mary mentioned Zipcars.
- The electric car share people discussed equitable mobility versus lifestyle mobility.
- Joel talked about RTA's network study and how they were not only looking at timing but also accessibility. RTA will be hosting community meetings to present the findings. One of the things they are looking at is increased frequency on Lee, Cedar, Warrensville, and Mayfield. Kathy asked Joel about frequency versus coverage and the maps from the most recent round of community meetings. Joel talked about some models of routes that connect people from downtown-east to the suburbs, hospital, and University Circle, and the concept of through service. The study will be a multi-year process.

- Sergeant Mary Grace brought up increased congestion at South Taylor near Cedar. Parking restrictions were an option. Sam said the left turn restriction at Taylor was a big help. Gail talked about bringing Melissa Thompson and Katie Sieb from NOACA in to talk about the Taylor Road corridor study.

OLD BUSINESS:

Howard asked about having Amy Jenkins from the City's Office on Aging at a meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURNMENT:

Members agreed that the next meeting would be Wednesday, August 28. Gayle adjourned the meeting at 9:08.

Approved:

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