

## Transportation Advisory Committee September 25, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Sam Bell, Jeff Bendix, Gayle Lewin, Howard Maier, Charlie Mosbrook, Kathy Petrey and Richard Wong

Guests: Janice Dzigiel, Senior Transportation Connection Executive Director and Laura Marks

Co-Chair Sam Bell called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 28, 2019 MINUTES: Minutes were not prepared so approval will occur at a future meeting.

### NEW BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

#### A. SENIOR TRANSPORTATION CONNECTION:

- Executive Director Janice Dzigiel distributed brochures, a service area map and a summary of the organization's service. **Howard moved to request that the City explore use of Senior Transportation Connection's services not necessarily to replace, but to supplement, current senior transportation services. Seconded by Kathy, the motion unanimously passed.**

#### B. COMPTON AND TAYLOR ROADS STUDIES

- Richard described these two studies that were underway.

#### C. UPDATES

- Charlie talked about the City's work after the microburst. **Howard moved to provide a formal letter that thanked the City workers for jumping to action so quickly helping residents by clearing the streets and sidewalks, preserving the remaining tree canopy, directing traffic, and helping people stay safe. Seconded by Sam, the motion unanimously passed.**
- Sam suggested thanking Joe Kickel for increasing the timing of the pedestrian crossing at the Fairmount-Scarborough-Coventry intersection. Kathy said the east side of Coventry at that intersection needs crosswalks across Fairmount in the north-south direction.
- Gayle said a similar absence of crosswalks exists on North Park from sidestreets to Shaker Lakes. Charlie asked for warning signs indicating a pedestrian is approaching a discontinuous sidewalk so that disabled persons need not turn around.

#### D. CROSSWALK AT MONTICELLO AND MAYFIELD

- This topic was not discussed.

#### E. VISION ZERO

- This topic was not discussed.

F. FORESTRY

- Charlie said Lakewood was planting trees on private property and only charging for the labor. Cleveland Heights has a more dense canopy than Lakewood. Shaker Heights reached out to residents who lost trees in the last storm.
- Laura said she and others had 40 trees they were to plant for free. She said the density of trees on tree lawns needs to be more consistent. The City's Forester has concerns over maintenance and will only plant a tree when asked by the property owner. His experience was that a person who wanted a tree would be more likely to keep the tree watered. Renters can't request a tree. **Gayle moved to request a map of trees planted over the past three years. Seconded by Jeff, the motion unanimously passed.** Sam suggested inviting Forester Dan Krizner to a future meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Gayle asked if a company had been hired for crossing guards.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURNMENT:

**Members agreed that the next meeting would be Wednesday, October 30. The meeting informally adjourned at 9:00.**

Approved:

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