

**Minutes of the February 28, 2017
Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting**

In Attendance: Sam Bell, Jeff Bendix, Sgt. Robert Butler, Councilwoman Mary Dunbar, Marc Lefkowitz, Howard Maier, Charlie Mosbrook, Kathy Petrey, Andre Spencer and Richard Wong.

Co-Chair Marc Lefkowitz called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 24, 2017 MINUTES: After receipt of Councilwoman Dunbar's corrections, Marc requested a motion. Jeff Bendix made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Sam Bell seconded the motion. **The motion was unanimously approved.**

RTA UPDATE:

Jonathan Ciesla was absent, so members skipped this item.

NEW BUSINESS:

3A) Co-Chair Howard Maier explained his and Sam Bell's suggested changes to the draft of the 2016 TAC Annual Report. **Charlie moved to approve the report as revised. After being seconded by Sam, the motion was unanimously passed.**

3B) Councilwoman Dunbar reported that City Council and the CH-UH School District Board met. Bike and Walk to School Day and Safe Routes to School projects were among the topics that she outlined during the meeting. The Safe Routes-funded bikes will be purchased by the end of March. Sam asked staff to be cognizant of scheduling Safe Routes' middle school improvements only after other known school construction work is completed. He remarked too often coordination does not occur.

3C) Councilwoman Dunbar reported that the Bicycle Friendly Community application had been submitted with assistance from Jennifer and other City staff. While we aspire for a silver award, no Ohio city has yet to receive silver and only 17 communities have received a bronze award.

The City will auction bicycles on Sunday, April 2 at either noon or 12:30. Sergeant Butler said he'd note on a flier that Transportation Advisory Committee members would help distribute children's helmets.

3D) Richard said Cedar Road's repaving this year may include striping that changes the 13'+12'+12'+13' lanes into four 11' lanes plus 3' shoulders. While the 3' shoulders are too narrow to be bike lanes, the narrowed lanes should reduce speeding, decrease splashing of pedestrians by motorists and afford bicyclists the choice to ride in the 3' shoulder or in the curb lane. The segment of Cedar from Lee to Coventry was slightly narrower than 50' so Public Works was proposing that the striping be 13.5'+11'+11'+13.5'. Shoulders narrower than 3' were not recommended by AASHTO. Marc suggested adding Bikes May Use Full Lane signs, educating motorists of the applicability of this State law. **Sam moved to recommend adding the signs and restriping Cedar Road with 11' inside lanes and 11' outside lanes with 3' shoulders. Where Cedar's width was insufficient, the inside lanes should still remain 11' wide and the outside lanes would be wider without shoulders. Seconded by Marc, the motion was unanimously passed.**

OLD BUSINESS:

4A) Members looked at maps of crashes and discussed areas of concern. Andre said that staff found increased speeding and crashes on Mayfield Road after repaving. The maps showed an increase in crashes following Mayfield's repaving. He said that the smooth pavement tended to increase speed.

4B) Discussion of the Fairmount-Coventry intersection resulted in members asking if the phase of the signal for pedestrians crossing Coventry could be increased. Members also asked that the City study the crosswalk across Fairmount at North St. James.

4C) A Master Plan update was provided by Howard. Richard agreed to mention to Tim Boland the TAC's interest in discussing the relationship between development and transportation.

4D) Sergeant Butler said a decision by the City to pay for a new traffic signal at Ardoon and Mayfield was still unresolved.

NEXT MEETING DATE & ADJOURNMENT: Members agreed that the next meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee will be Tuesday, March 21 at 7 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 PM.

Approved: March 21, 2016

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