

**Minutes of the September 1, 2015
Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting**

In Attendance: Kathy Petrey, Jonathan Ciesla, Andre Spender, Sgt. Ben Osowski, Richard Wong, Howard Maier, Marc Lefkowitz, Councilwoman Mary Dunbar, Julie Lustic and Jennifer Kuzma

Co-Chair Howard Maier called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM and welcomed new TAC member Kathy Petrey to her first meeting. Kathy thanked Howard for the introduction and briefly discussed her work at Squire Patton Boggs where she has worked with many school districts and communities and she is very happy to serve as the pedestrian representative on the TAC.

APPROVAL OF JULY 2015 MINUTES: Howard Maier asked for action on the July minutes. Julie made a motion to approve the minutes and Marc seconded the motion. **All members present were in favor and the minutes were approved unanimously.**

RTA UPDATE: Marc commended RTA for stops at the new Little Italy-University Circle Station and the temporary stops for Heights High School students to get them closer to Wiley Middle School. Jonathan had no new updates to provide at this time.

COMPLETE STREETS UPDATE: Richard reported that the City Manager is still reviewing the draft Complete Streets legislation and is providing great input on the draft. Marc asked if there were any red flags and Richard explained there were no concerns. Richard also stated that the Noble Road RFQ will be more complete even before the legislation is passed and that he wants to get a transportation engineer to re-evaluate it.

EASTSIDE GREENWAY RECOMMENDATION: After careful review and discussion on the Eastside Greenway Plan, both Julie and Kathy agreed that endorsing the Plan would a good way to show TAC and Cleveland Heights support. Kathy also mentioned that she liked the emphasis the Plan put on the north end of town. Howard asked Jennifer to draft a letter to City Council from TAC asking for their endorsement. It will be sent out to the full committee before the next meeting for their review.

2014 ACCIDENT MAP: Sgt. Osowski presented the 2014 accident map for TAC member review. The map presented any reported accident and did not break them into any specific categories. They represent all sorts of accidents including pedestrian, distracted driving, etc. After some discussion it was decided that a map better detailing the 30 accidents at the Lee Road business district (the most of any of the definable areas within Cleveland Heights) should be looked at with greater details. Sgt. Osowski will put that together for the next TAC meeting so the group can better study the data.

JACOB VAN SICKLE PRESENTATION: Bike Cleveland Director Jacob Van Sickle will join TAC for the October meeting to discuss a citywide bike sharing and the 3 feet passing law, which was just introduced in Columbus and can also be enacted upon locally.

CLEVELAND HEIGHTS MASTER PLAN UPDATE: Howard reported that first meeting of the Master Planning Committee will be held on September 2 and he will report back to TAC members on the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Councilwoman Dunbar mentioned that bicycle tickets are available for this year's Heights Community Congress tour at a discounted rate. She also reminded everyone that Walk and Bike to School Day is October 7.

NEXT MEETING DATE & ADJOURNMENT: **Members agreed that the next meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee would be October 20 at 6 PM in Council Chambers at City Hall.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46.

Approved: October 20, 2015

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