

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

In Attendance: Sgt. Ben Osowski, Julie Lustic, Chris Cummings, Gayle Lewin, Marc Lefkowitz, Jonathan Ciesla, Richard Wong, Tanisha Briley, Howard Maier, Charlie Mosbrook and Jennifer Kuzma

Co-Chair Howard Maier called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM and introduced City Manager Tanisha Briley to the group. TAC members introduced themselves to Tanisha as the group went around the table. Tanisha joined TAC to discuss the movement of the Complete Streets Ordinance. Richard's final draft is currently on Tanisha's desk and will be reviewed one final time. A storm water management component may be added to the draft so that a fully integrated planning process is in this one document. Tanisha explained that she and Richard will work on a final review which will then go to City Council for their review. Tanisha thanked TAC for this recommendation and for their dedication to it.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 2015 MINUTES: Howard Maier asked for action on the October minutes. Chris made a motion to approve the minutes and Jonathan seconded the motion. **All members present were in favor and the minutes were approved unanimously.**

RTA UPDATE: Jonathan provided a map with an overview of RTA service currently provided in Cleveland Heights. Jonathan reported that RTA is working on a shelter for eastbound riders at the Mayfield Station and the plan has gone to Cleveland since it will be located in Cleveland. It is in its second phase in 2016 and will include a crosswalk. The November 22 service change takes the #9 all the way to the Cleveland Clinic and the map was then used to discuss possible alternative routes. Marc asked if any service reductions are coming up for Cleveland Heights in 2016. He also asked about possible fare increases. Jonathan reported that he can provide more information as we move into 2016. Marc also asked Jonathan to gather data on the percentage of riders in Cleveland Heights who are dependent on transit for employment.

EXPIRING TAC APPOINTMENTS: Discussion was held on the TAC expiring appointments. Councilwoman Dunbar mentioned that she informed Deanna Bremmer of Future Heights of the openings on TAC. Jennifer will ensure that there is a posting on the City website. Current members will consider individuals they know who may be interested in serving on TAC and will bring completed applications they are able to get to the next TAC meeting. Jennifer will send the group a PDF of the application and the link to the application on the City website.

EASTSIDE GREENWAY RECOMMENDATION: After some discussion the group agreed that Councilwoman Dunbar should bring the TAC letter recommending City Council endorse the East Side Greenway Plan to an upcoming Council Committee of the Whole meeting to see if they would lend their support through a resolution.

CLEVELAND HEIGHTS MASTER PLAN UPDATE: Howard reported that the draft conditions report is on the City website. Although it is a good start it would be good to see areas like seniors, students, handicapped, traffic counts and accident information within the conditions report. The group will meet next in January.

LEE ROAD BIKE/PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENT STATISTICS DISCUSSION: Sgt. Osowski provided a detailed map with 2014 accident sites along Lee Road. Sgt. suggested that the map definitely shows that distracted driving is an issue be it from cell phones, not watching the road but looking for restaurants, etc. After some discussion the group asked if Cleveland Heights had a no texting law. Sgt. will bring Cleveland Heights' law with him to the next meeting. The group also discussed maybe the three foot passing law could be included in any new Cleveland Heights ordinance which may be passed. Jennifer will look at sample ordinances from other local communities.

NEW BUSINESS: Jennifer reported that the 2016 deadline for Safe Routes application is March 4. She will work with Councilwoman Dunbar, Richard Wong and Alex Mannarino to consider Cleveland Heights' application for next year.

NEXT MEETING DATE & ADJOURNMENT: **Members agreed that the next meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee would be January 26 at 7 PM City Hall.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10.

Approved: January 26, 2016

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