

**Minutes of the October 24, 2017  
Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting**

In Attendance: Sam Bell, Jeff Bendix, Councilwoman Mary Dunbar, Marc Lefkowitz, Gayle Lewin, Howard Maier, Charlie Mosbrook, Andre Spencer and Richard Wong

Co-Chair Howard Maier called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

*APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 2017 MINUTES:* Howard said minutes were not complete. They would be approved at the November meeting.

*NEW BUSINESS:*

*Andre said Noble Road's repaving was complete. Cedar Road was on schedule for completion by October 31, 2017.* Howard asked if the Cedar Hill- Euclid Heights-Overlook intersection was to be redesigned as part of this project. Richard said Cedar Hill's motorists' lanes were not in this project. The City has asked GPD Engineers to incorporate the changes that were proposed by SmithGroupJJR. The proposed change would narrow Euclid Heights eastbound from three to two lanes, shortening the crosswalk.

Marc stated that the Cedar Hill Trail needed a better connection at the top of Cedar Hill to the district. He suggested a wider sidewalk from Harcourt to South Overlook and then a two-way, off-road trail from South Overlook to Delaware. Charlie asked that the City verify that the walk was wide enough for a wheelchair or stroller.

Howard said he would write a letter of appreciation to Jennifer Kuzma.

Howard read an email between him and Sargent Butler. Sargent Butler is being promoted to Lieutenant and assigned different duties. A Sargent Gideon will be the new Police representative and attend the November TAC meeting.

*OLD BUSINESS:*

Marc said he followed up with Michael Lehto who at the last TAC meeting had talked of the need for additional pedestrian-friendly measures at the Fairmount Boulevard crosswalk with West St. James Parkway. A Roxboro PTA planned to talk with the Superintendent and school board. Mary said \$260,000 was budgeted for Roxboro Safe Routes to School improvements. Howard asked whom from the City would manage this program instead of Jennifer Kuzma. Andre said he believed Public Works' Joe Kickel might be the right person. Marc asked if the Safe Routes program permitted moving the sign that measured driver speed at Monticello while that school's children were at Wiley.

Gayle said that reduction of speed as a safety measure on Cedar, Fairmount, Coventry and other streets is not done by simply lowering the posted speed limit. Unless the Police are present, drivers will travel at a speed they believe is reasonable. Narrowing the lanes of a road, speed tables, and bumped-out curbs are measures proven to reduce speed. Jeff asked if a stop sign could be added on Fairmount. Other members had differing opinions on the addition of stop signs as a speed control measure. Gayle said crossing North Park as a pedestrian was not well-defined nor easy because of the absence of sidewalk on the north side. Richard was seeking to measure North Park Boulevard motorists' speed before the lanes are narrowed by the buffered bike lanes next year.

Mary reported the League of American Bicyclists' suggestions for moving from a Bronze to Silver award. The key steps included adoption and implementation of a Complete and Green Streets Policy, installing a bicycle wayfinding system, and expansion of the bike network particularly along arterials using buffered, protected or separated bike infrastructure. From the report Sam questioned the absence of businesses certified as "Bicycle Friendly." Further investigation revealed specific standards such as cash

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incentives for bike commuting employees (including use of the Bicycle Commuter Tax Benefit), shared bikes for staff, repair area with tools, and locker areas for changing and showering.

***NEXT MEETING DATE & ADJOURNMENT:* Members agreed that the next meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee would be Tuesday, November 28 at 7 PM.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.**

*Approved:*

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