

Minutes, Citizens Advisory Board (CAB)
Jan. 11, 2007
George Zeller, Chair

The meeting began with a discussion of about state funding and lobbying options. The CAB will continue to work closely with staff to coordinate efforts.

Report from Joe Calabrese, General Manager

- An overview of a new City of Cleveland loan program for struggling businesses on Euclid Avenue.
- Continued strong ridership numbers.
- Benefits to Euclid Corridor Project from mild weather extending the construction season.
- RTA efforts to promote its new no-smoking policy.
- Board of Trustees action on a fare collection vendor.
- Securing a new trolley sponsor.
- Opening the Strongsville park-and-ride facility.
- The Ohio Public Transit Association (OPTA)'s focus on seeking ODOT capital budget funds for bus and Paratransit van replacement.
- A new initiative to focus on keeping vehicles and stations clean.
- Selection of a functional testing vendor could go to the to Board of Trustees in February.

Report from Steve Albro, Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Committee

- No meeting in January.
- The committee is planning a field trip to the possible functional testing vendor.
- Steve Albro moved, Vince Reddy seconded, a motion to communicate to the Board of Trustees that the ADA Committee and CAB believe that functional testing has been thoroughly studied and carefully developed so that the CAB now recommends moving forward with it. The motion passed unanimously.

Report from Vince Reddy, Volunteer Action Committee (VAC)

- The VAC is exploring enhancing CAB communications through development and use of a Web-based group that could increase continuity of communications, create a forum to exchange ideas, establish a storage location/archive for CAB-related materials, and enhanced access for the public to CAB information and minutes. CAB members were invited to participate in the testing and development, if interested.

Other items

- Tony Garofoli RTA's Exective Director of Internal Audit, invited CAB members to submit suggestions of items to be included in RTA's internal audit plan.