

**Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Agency
Citizens Advisory Board – VAC Meeting Recap**

Friday, March 7, 2008
8:30am – 10:00am

The meeting started at 8:32am.

Present: Brad Chase, Carol Johnson, Rip Ruhlman, Martin Golob, Ron Jackson (guest), Jerry Masek (RTA)

Absent: Vince Reddy, Vice-Chairman and George Zeller, Chairman

Agenda Item 1: Review of Rip's proposed CAB action plan for letter-writing campaigns

Discussion: Comments were taken on Rip's action plan for letter writing. All agreed that the CAB needs RTA's assistance in identifying the issues. Some concern expressed that an official letter from the CAB may get slowed down, but that Rip's process is focused on individual letters. Agreed that we should try action plan and make adjustments as needed.

Outcome: Action plan sent from Committee to Steve Bitto and Taras Szmagala for comments and suggestions. Will be discussed at next CAB meeting.

Agenda Item 2: Trolley sign updates, if available

Discussion: No update. New signs have been designed that show days, frequency and hours of operation for the downtown trolleys.

Outcome: Brad/Vince will follow up with Steve Bitto to see when the new signs will begin appearing downtown.

Agenda Item 3: Discussion re: touring one or more of RTA's facilities

Discussion: TransitStat demonstration, tour of bus garage, tour of central rail and transit police headquarters to better understand maintenance and operations issues.

Outcome: Vince / George to follow up with RTA to organize trips or presentations.

Agenda Item 4: Recycling partnerships

Discussion: Interest in RTA taking a more active role in recycling efforts at key locations throughout system (Airport, Tower City, University Circle, Public Square, HealthLine). City appears interested in working with RTA, but we need to figure out how to avoid red tape and delays and attempt to get a pilot project at 1 or 2 key RTA locations.

Outcome: Jerry identified Carol Thomas as the person in charge of recycling efforts within RTA. Brad to contact Carol directly and see what needs to be done.

Agenda Item 5: Moving Minds update

Discussion: Poems will be chosen by today with poems and artwork complete today, March 7. Glyphix will send artwork to writers for proofing on April 21, with changes due back at Glyphix on April 24. Works will be completed and ready for printing on April 30.

Outcome: Vince to follow up on whether poems and artwork are complete.

Agenda Item 6: Gripes—concise discussion

Discussion: Ron stated that there is a problem with the number 6 buses using the wheelchair ramps on the center stations along Euclid and that the wheelchair ramp will not go down all the way without other riders standing on it. This happened a couple of times, on different buses.

Brad stated that there was a positive experience working with Lamarr Johnson in the Shelter Department to get a shelter replaced along the 22 bus line.

Outcome: Jerry to follow up on wheelchair ramp issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:59am.