

CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Thursday, June 11th, 2015
RTA Board Room
1240 West 6th Street
Cleveland, OH 44113
8:30 A.M.

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 8:30am

The members that were present were Steve Albro, David Applefeld, Karl Benz, Johnny Brewington, Marie Fratus, Donaldson Hill, Ron Jackson, Donna Prease, Joseph Sopko, Marjorie Sutton, Jessica Whale, Andre White and George Zeller

George Zeller made motion to approve minutes from April & May, David Applefeld seconded – all in favor

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT, Jose Feliciano - Staff Liaison to the CAB

- Infrastructure:
 - Evaluating proposals for E 34th Street station design
 - Little Italy still on pace for an August opening
 - Lee Van Aken – is scheduled for a December opening
 - Brookpark – construction is ongoing
 - E 116th – Design plans ongoing
 - Trolleys – an order for and possible funding for up to 12 new
 - Gillig CNG buses – looking for a CNG station – more details to come
- NOACA has approved dollars for an Intermodal Center with the City developing the RFP
- The Transplant Games are coming to Cleveland in June 2016
- A \$12 million grant has been awarded to RTA for the Tower City Station rail project
- There is a joint ODOT proposal spanning statewide to replace buses around the state
- Steve Bitto will be answering the question - why are there no trash cans on the trains?
- Ron Jackson requested to see the Lee Van Aken Blue line station design
- The Hispanic Blue Ribbon Committee
 - Met on April 24th
 - Is planning to meet quarterly
 - Next meeting is July 22, 2015
 - Has made some progress in hiring
- Service changes will impact 23 bus routes on May 24th
- The West side – Red Line will be shut down June 13 & 14 and July 27 & 28
- The East side – Blue/Green line will be down July 18 & 19 and July 25 & 26
- There were proposed DBE goals that were published in the Plain Dealer in June 8 and will be presented to the Board of Trustees on July 16th
- There was a public meeting held on May 27th regarding the Red Line Greenway where close to 200 people attended to hear about the project and timeline
- Ronald Jackson remains President of the ATU Local 268
- There were many visitors in on June 4th for the ABBG from the NFTA (Niagara Frontier Transit Authority) Buffalo, NY; C-Tran, Vancouver, WA and Rutgers University
- Mayor Welo was a finalist in the Public Sector category for Sustainability Award from the Greater Ohio Policy Center

NEW BUSINESS, Stephen Bitto – Director of Marketing

- “Maximize Ridership Growth”
 - 2015 Summer Tour Program

- Mystery Shopper program – asking for the Board to participate – it is critical to receive daily feedback – can be accessed on SmartPhones

CAB CHAIR REPORT, New Business - Don Hill, CAB Chair

- Operating Guidelines – suggestions to make changes
 - Section 2: “advise to make recommendations to the Board of Trustees”
 - Section 3 - meetings: “and committee meetings”
 - “at least four times per calendar
 - Section 4: adding the Advocacy Committee”
 - and adding “what” the TIAC does
 - delete “advise” the board of Trustees on all three committees
 - Section 6: add “Committee Meetings” is required
 - Delete “compensation” add “a transit pass”
 - Add how and when the Executive Board meeting meets

These recommendations will be reviewed and approved by the legal department before the final approval by the Board of Trustees

It was requested that the Board take a look at the Guidelines and send changes to the Executive Board before the July C.A.B. Board meeting. Anyone is welcome to attend the Executive Board meeting.

ADA COMMITTEE REPORT, Ron Jackson, Committee Chair -

ADA Committee meeting 07/16/2015 @ Paratransit HQ

Combined meeting on June 5, 2015 – Southgate Transit Center – reports submitted to mgmt

TIAC REPORT, Marjorie Sutton, Committee Chair

July meeting is canceled due to the holiday next meeting will be held in August as a combined meeting with ADAC

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE REPORT, Don Hill & Jessica Whale Co-Chairs

Next meeting TBD

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ron Drake – made a stmt regarding Steve’s presentation regarding the focus on the millineals and leaving out the Seniors and other groups

Robert Winn – troubled by the funding situation, mentioned the routes and the lack of access to numerous places around the city

Steve Albro – newsletter of RUN – annual mtg will be in Cleveland at RTA’s HQ in the George F. Dixon III Board Room on September 26, 2105 – Steve will provide updates prior to the September meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00am

Next CAB meeting July 9th, 2015
RTA Board Room
1240 West 6th Street
8:30 a.m.
<http://www.riderta.com/CAB>

Donaldson Hill, Chair Date

Marjorie Sutton, Secretary Date