
CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Thursday, August 13th, 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, Karl Benz, Johnny Brewington, Brooke Deines, Marie Fratus, Donaldson Hill, Ron Jackson, Edward Opett, Donna Prease, Joseph Sopko, Marjorie Sutton, Tyler Stillings, Jessica Whale, Andre White, George Zeller

There were no minutes taken for the July meeting

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT, Michael York, Deputy General Manager of Operations

- The pepper spray incident near Cleveland State University is still under investigation, a preliminary report will be released soon.
- The fleet is changing
 - 20 MV1 vehicles will be purchased for paratransit – this vehicle supports at least one wheelchair and is much more economical
 - New CNG buses have hit the streets with a new cleaner image.
- With school starting soon there will be 20 routes where service changes will take
- Upcoming construction causing shut downs:
 - East 81st and East 83rd St bridges the Blue/Green Lines will be down : August 8 & 9, August 22 & 23, August 29 & 30 and September 12 & 13
 - Brookpark station will be on a 19 day shut down for construction
 - Waterfront line will be down for 14 days
 - Red Line – Triskett – West Blvd Nov 8 – 21 will be shut down for construction.
- Public Square: construction well under way – there will be issues and delays due to the construction.
- Convention: the RNC has hired an outside firm to work with the transportation of its staff. RTA is applying for security grants, if approved these improvements/enhancements will remain after the RNC is over.
- RTA Police: Chief Joyce believes in community policing. Looking at body camera's to bring another level of accountability to the force.

NEW BUSINESS, Richard Czeck, (pro: Zeck) Director of Safety

- Grew up in Youngstown, Ohio State graduate
- Military veteran
- Represented TSA with the FBI
- General Manager for rail system safety in Chicago
- Safety culture change meeting is kicking off tomorrow.

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

- Don had a conversation with the head of the Citizens Advisory Board in Charlotte NC. He wants to be able to collaborate on issues throughout systems around the country and share information.
- Steve Albro mentioned the national Board meeting of the Rail Users Network will be held on September 26 at 1:30pm – a tour of the red and green lines is scheduled to begin at 7:30am
- The next RTA Board of Directors meeting is September 18, 2015 at RTA headquarters

ADAC REPORT, Ron Jackson, Committee Chair,

- Next ADAC meeting 08/20/2015 (combined meeting)

- We will meet at the RTA headquarters at 8:00am and plan to visit the Strongsville & Sprague Rd. Park-n-Ride.

September 17 is the next ADAC meeting

TIAC REPORT, Marjorie Sutton, Committee Chair

- Next TIAC meeting 08/20/2015 (combined meeting)
- The September TIAC meeting is cancelled due to the Labor Day holiday weekend
- Everyone is encouraged to attend the ADAC meeting on September 17.

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

Next meeting TBD

- NOACA was in at the last meeting to discuss how the CAB might go about helping to make transit a higher priority throughout the state. Encouraged us to build relationships with groups including Republicans to “do the right thing!” Where do we put our efforts – by building relationships! Identify and change. We have to convince our elected officials that this is an investment in our infrastructure not a subsidy.
- How do we engage the RNC around public transportation? This is a question that will be discussed in the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

The meeting was adjourned at 9:56am

Next CAB meeting September 10th, 2015

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1240 West 6th Street

8:30 a.m.

<http://www.riderta.com/CAB>

Donaldson Hill, Chair

Date

Marjorie Sutton, Secretary

Date