

CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Thursday, September 10th, 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, John McGovern, Edward Opett, Donna Prease, Joseph Sopko, Marjorie Sutton, Jessica Whale, Andre White, George Zeller

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT, Joseph Calabrese General Manager and CEO

- Ridership is down as a result of lower gas prices
- There is a very comprehensive investigation underway regarding the pepper spray incident. A preliminary report should be released on September 15 prior to the Board of Trustees meeting
- There are 20 MV1's paratransit vehicles on order
- Infrastructure:
 - E. 34th Street – the design agreement presented to the Board of Transportation (BOT) on 8/18.
 - Little Italy Station – successfully opened on 8/11
 - Lee Van Aken – construction is ongoing
 - Brookpark - construction ongoing – tunnel closed on July 20th
 - E. 116th Station - design ongoing - .
 - Gillig CNG Buses - CNG station certified and there are new buses on the road
- There have been 11 hiring events held since May 2015 resulting in 341 attendees and 125 people interviewed. There are five more events scheduled through the end of 2015
- RTA Family Health Day is scheduled for September 12th from 11am – 4pm at the Harvard Garage for employees only. Health screenings and educational sessions including flu shots
- RTA's annual golf outing for Paralyzed veterans was held August 15th
- The Cleveland Foundation provided a grant to cover the "Art along the Rail" and a reception will be held on September 29th
- Notre Dame to participate in the U-Pass Program subsidizing \$25.00 per month and RTA to match the subsidy
- NOACA annual meeting is scheduled for September 24th
- Upcoming Service updates:
 - 9/12 & 13 the Blue/Green Lines will be down for the East 81 & East 83 Street bridge work
 - 9/28 – 10/17 for 19 days the Red Line between Puritas and the Airport will be down for the Brookpark Station construction
 - 10/4 – 10/17 for 14 days the Waterfront line will be down for grade crossing and track replacement
 - 11/8 – 11/21 for 14 days the Red Line between Triskett and West Blvd for track work between the "S" curve & W 117th
- The funding for the trolley's will run out in the fall. There are recommendations to cut the costs from \$1.2 million to \$800,000. Those recommendations include:
 - Discontinue the L Line after September 7th.
 - Discontinue the 9/12 (Muni lot to Chester Ave)
 - No change to the "C" Line
 - There have been meetings with local entities to discuss ways to address the funding issues and they have been positive and promising
- Recognition:
 - RTA has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the 25th consecutive year.

- Dr. Floun'say Caver will be recognized as the CSU Levin College of Urban Affairs 2015 Distinguished Alumni Award winner in September.

NEW BUSINESS, Steve Bitto Director of Marketing

CAB CHAIR REPORT, New Business Don Hill, CAB Chair

ADAC REPORT Ron Jackson, Committee Chair
ADA Committee meeting 09/17/2015

TIAC REPORT, Marjorie Sutton, Committee Chair
Next meeting 10/02/2015 – combined with ADAC

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

- There was a presentation to the House Legislators on August 12th regarding the positive impact transit plays in assisting low income constituents. There were several ideas mentioned on new funding possibilities

Next meeting TBD

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Next CAB meeting October 8th, 2015
RTA Board Room
1240 West 6th Street
8:30 a.m.
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