

Minutes

RTA Governance Committee Meeting

12:04 p.m., March 5, 2019

Committee: Lucas (Vice-Chair), Moss, Welo

Other Board members: Byrne, Joyce, Serrano

Not present: Bibb, Clough, McCall

Also Present: Anderson, Benford, Bober, Burney, Caver, Ciesla, Coppock, Cottrell, Cranford, Czeck, Dangelo, Davis (C), Davis (J), Fields, Garofoli, Gautam, Gibbons, Gillan-Shafron, Hambro, Jackson, Jaszczak, Johnson, Jones, Keshtkaran, Kirkland, Laule, Lendel, Lewis, Ilg, Loh, Moser, Muti, Pasha, Penning, Prendergast, Rusnov, Schipper, Schultz, Shaffer, Shariff, Sims, Smith, Snell, Sohrabian, Stocking, Tarka, Togher, Vukmanic, Wilson, Young, Zeller

Rev. Lucas called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. The secretary called the roll and reported that three (3) committee members were present. Mr. Bibb, Mayor Clough, and Chief McCall were present earlier, but had to leave.

Transit Waiting Environment

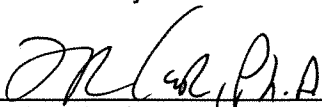
Dawn Tarka, Associate Council for legal and Mandy Metcalf the Program Manager for the TOD program, gave the presentation. This presentation is on a proposed addition to Chapter 1089 of the Codified Rules and Regulations of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority. The Code was initially enacted in 1989. In 2015, they reviewed the Code and determined they were out of date and in need of a comprehensive review and update to accommodate the Authority's current modern practices. Over the past few years, they have periodically updated the Code to bring it into conformance with the Authority's actual practices. They are proposing new Chapter 1089 related to the Transit Waiting Environment and the Community Partner Investment Programs.

The TWE program improves the comfort of the Authority's passengers and provides improved amenities in areas where the passengers wait. In 2005, acknowledging that RTA's ridership is primarily composed of bus riders (62%), RTA asked Kent State Urban Design Center to create an idea book for bus stops. The TWE program started shortly after that. Since then, over 35 bus stops in cities across the county have been improved to foster rider comfort, sustainability and place making. Improvements have included art, landscaping, benches, solar lighting, bicycle racks, recycling bins and unique shelters. Each project includes a standard format agreement.

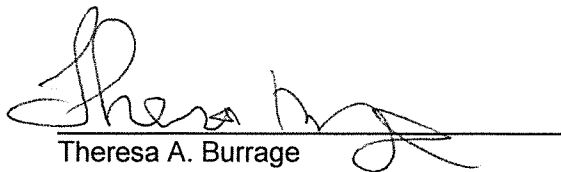
The Community Partner Investment Program enables community partners to fund RTA, to buy, install and maintain preapproved enhance TWE amenities. They found that the demand for improved bus waiting environments has always exceeded the funding that RTA can make available. So this program was created to allow for a greater number of bus stops to be improved. They developed a brochure and price list for preapproved new shelters and shelter upgrades. The prices include a one-time fee for installation and maintenance. Projects can be funded by developers, municipalities and community organizations. Last year, they formed partnerships to provide shelter painting, three new shelter roofs, two solar lighting set ups, an upgrade to an eclipse shelter and a new standard shelter.

The recommendation is that the committee recommend this provision to the full board for full board. It was moved by Ms. Moss, seconded by Rev. Lucas and approved by unanimous vote.

Rev. Lucas adjourned the meeting at 12:09 p.m.



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