

CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

8:30AM THURSDAY, January 10, 2013
RTA Board Room
1240 West 6th Street, Cleveland, OH 44113.

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 8:35am

CHAIR - Brad Chase

Recording Secretary - Marjorie Sutton

II. ROLL CALL – introductions by each member (see attached) – quorum established

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

IV. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT: Michael York presenting in Joe Calabrese’s absence

1. #'s through November 2012 – all are up
2. RTA preparing for the Senior games in July 2013 and the Gay games 2014
3. In the process of obtaining 20 new paratransit vehicles
4. Infrastructure – University Cedar underway
 - a. Not safe place to cross after the C.A.B. presented concerns of pedestrian crossing
5. Clifton project - construction scheduled to begin June 2013
6. Airport tunnel – no significant stalls as of yet
7. ODOT – RTA applied for several grants the state has decided that funds will be proportioned through the Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) program not thru MPO’s
8. Fuel cell program –grand opening soon to be announced
9. Xerox to place new screens in Tower City for a pilot period of 7 – 10days
10. Driver assault issue:
 - a. A new “wall” was piloted, operators are concerned with the night glare on the NABI’s; new design to be tested in the next few weeks
11. An RFP is being prepared for new cameras on all but 70 buses with new signage, still working with state legislation
12. New training program – 546 operators have been trained expected to have all trained by the end of January 2013
13. CMAQ dollars have been in the millions and paid for trolley fares, funded the health line – has helped to purchase buses
14. Brooklyn garage lease has been finalized
15. Airport Red line shuttle – only location approved by Hopkins – no sign available for riders
16. Healthline bridge plate update – still no progress, waiting for the revised prototype -
 - a. There will be an opportunity to test the vehicles operator enclosure.
 - b. Convention Center & Medical Mart pick-up/drop off is planned to be on Lakeside Rd. There is a concern about the location – verification and confirmation to come
 - c. Reserved signage for wheelchair seating on fixed route buses is being improved
 - d. When surveys are conducted, they should do a better job to be more diverse
 - e. RTA is working with Cuyahoga Community College in industrial training programs
17. Will RTA have to comply with NTHSA quiet vehicle rule? Confirmation and verification to come 1) diesel 2) C&G 3) Hybrid electric – cost benefits analysis will be done to determine the most cost effective – cannot get FDA funding without complying with rules
18. Jan 28 the website will be reviewed again, C.A.B. members to have the opportunity to review/test before it goes live
19. Pilot program of enhanced turn signals and very bright stop signs have been installed on the back of 50 buses – activated when another vehicle begins to pass to help reduce accidents – if this works it will be placed on all other coaches and all new buses

In recognition of Brad Chase's last C.A.B. meeting, proclamations read to Brad Chase from Michael York of RTA & from Leo Serrano on behalf of the City of Cleveland

V. NEW BUSINESS: Brad Chase - 2013 Priorities

1. In the past December & January meetings have focused on discussions on the past year and discussions for the coming year, three areas we have been focusing on: 1) Ease of use, 2) Safety & security, 3) Partnerships and advocacy , dive deeper and open up to new topics
2. Anthony Garofoli, Executive Director of Internal Audit was invited, not confirmed. A 2013 Internal Audit Plan Request Form was disseminated contact him with questions and/or concerns (attached and on file)

VI. CAB CHAIR REPORT: Brad Chase

1. Think forward, John to take over as chair, elections in February having meetings offsite
2. how can we leverage our members to attend committee meetings – will carry over to February meeting

BOARD REPRESENTATION: Leo Serrano

- Be strategic and specific prioritizing suggestions; when we need board assistance we should contact Leo – he will be our voice on the board, critical issues of safety and advocacy

VII. ADA COMMITTEE REPORT: Ron Jackson

1. NO meeting in January – next meeting February 21, 2013
2. The beginning of 2012 20 items on a list of concerns, it is down to about five, but plans to add to it over 2013
3. Wants to present to the Union an open letter from CAB regarding concerns from the public

VIII. TIAC COMMITTEE REPORT: John McGovern

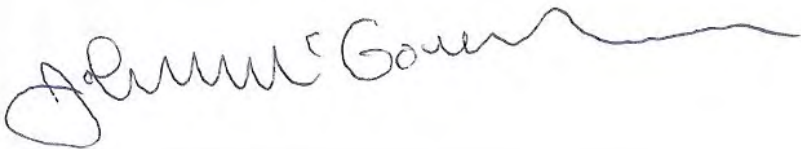
1. Chair to work closer with the ADA committee this year
2. Paul Burlij attended, discussed plans for the Lee Van Aken and Mayfield stations
3. Encouraged all to attend committee meetings, learn more about what is going on

CAB LIASON REPORT: Juan Carlos-Rivera

1. Badges update: approved by security, working on the design
2. Business cards: Jeff Knighter working to complete to send emails to everyone
3. Juan has an application from someone that is interested in being a part of the board
4. Draft of a C.A.B. brochure was disseminated with agenda, finalize by end of today's board meeting for immediate printing

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS: - none

X. ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 10:05am



Dennis Gower

Citizens Advisory Board Chair

Date