

CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

8:30AM THURSDAY, February 14, 2013
RTA Board Room
1240 West 6th Street, Cleveland, OH 44113.

MINUTES

I. The meeting was called to order at 8:36am

Interim Chair: John McGovern

Recording Secretary: Marjorie Sutton

II. ROLL CALL read by Juan Carlos Rivera (see attached) – quorum established

III. MINUTES from January and February will be read at the March 14, 2013 meeting

IV. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT: Joseph A. Calabrese, General Manager & CEO
Ridership: January 2013 up across the board

1. SalesTax – month of February: below February 2013 estimate and February 2012
2. Governor is proposing RTA sales tax be reduced
3. State will contribute 10% of operating cost depending on contribution
4. Stiffer penalties for behavior offenders on rail & buses
5. Cameras installs to be completed in about a year for all buses
6. There is a push to get more police on every train
7. The W65th St assault perpetrators have been caught
8. There will be a public meeting on February 21 at 6:00pm at Holy Rosary Church in Little Italy
9. 20 new paratransit vehicles will be purchased
10. Joe is asking for C.A.B. involvement in the way the signage reads on buses
11. Funds have been applied for from ODOT for cameras and fuel cell buses
12. Revenue is coming in for the Brooklyn garage
13. There are numerous open positions with a newly received grant to develop new jobs
14. Study to be completed by the City and RTA regarding bike stations (Bike Sharing)
15. Still evaluating driver enclosures – most drivers do not like them
16. The Medical Mart drop-off/pick-up location will be on Lakeside
17. News from BRT (Bus, Rail, Train) System is that the Healthline is the only system in the nation to reach bronze – bronze is the highest; consideration is in order to increase the level to gold

V. SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT: Joe Baur

- Joe out due to illness – no report given

VI. OHIO ECONOMIC AND GOVERNANCE REPORT: George Zeller

See attached employment data and sales tax reports (on file)

VII. COMMITTEE SELECTIONS: C.A.B. Members Committee Involvement

TIAC: (meets 1st Friday of each month at 8:30am – RTA Mtg room 1)

John McGovern (Chair)

Vince Reddy

Andre White

Marjorie Sutton

Tony Zajac

Don Hill

Brooke Deines

ADA: (meets 3rd Thursday of each month @ 9:30am – RTA Mtg room 1)

Ron Jackson (Chair)
Steve Albro

Donna Prease
Marty Golob

BOTH TIAC & ADA:
George Zeller

Johnny Brewington

C.A.B.: Marie Fratus

A new member was introduced: David Applefeld. He and his wife moved to Cleveland in November 2012. He is interested in learning more about C.A.B., what we do and our limitations – it was later found that David had not submitted an application and had not been accepted as a member. It was explained to him he would need to apply and go through the process.

VIII. CAB NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS & CHAIRS: John McGovern

CHAIR: Tony Zajac nominated John McGovern

VICE CHAIR: Andre White nominated George Zeller

John McGovern nominated Ron Jackson

Ron Jackson nominated Steve Albro

IX. CAB LIASON REPORT: Juan Carlos Rivera

1. ID cards and business cards samples were disseminated for approval.
2. Is there an issue of liability with business cards and ID's? Legal will take a look at them and perhaps look at adding "volunteer" to them.
3. Ethics training can be taken if it becomes an issue with members having ID cards/badges.
4. It was suggested the new "Riding Rights" brochure be available and posted in schools

Donna Prease is going to Columbus to testify on the importance of public transportation and will email information asking for an endorsement from C.A.B.

X. CAB CHAIR REPORT: John McGovern

1. There is an app available for smart phones to call in to RTA to report incidents
2. Jeff Speck will be speaking at Old Stone Church, February 20 about his book City Walkability
3. It is requested that all members go to the Facebook page and "Like it" (CLETransit)

XI. ADA COMMITTEE REPORT: Ron Jackson

1. The ADA Committee is working on their list of concerns for 2013
2. Reminders on how to handle teenagers will be posted in locations around the system
3. When witnessing professional driver behavior submit the name to be included in the annual award decision making process.
4. C.A.B. will look into creating an award for operators

XII. TIAC COMMITTEE REPORT – none meeting cancelled

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

XIV. ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 10:00am

Ann Marie Gowen

12/16/2013

Citizens Advisory Board Chair

Date