

## CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

---

THURSDAY, June 13, 2013  
RTA Board Room  
1240 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Cleveland, OH 44113  
8:30 A.M.

---

### MINUTES

#### SYNOPSIS

- o Additional information on the Veterans ride free program
- o New USDOT Secretary nominated by President Obama
- o S-Curve improvements
- o Increase in ridership
- o RTA receives another award
- o Station naming rights
- o Effective date of next service changes
- o Expanded hours for the Waterfront line
- o RTA involved in a nationwide Human Trafficking initiative
- o Updates on the Mayfield/Little Italy station
- o Some stops now have solar lighting
- o Red Line shut down
- o Orientation Task Force has been created
- o New members names delivered to Board of Trustees
- o

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 8:38AM

ROLL CALL: see attached

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT - Joseph A. Calabrese - General Manager and CEO – Michael York gave report in Joe's absence

- 1) Issue of keeping students in grades K-5 has been dropped
- 2) RTA supports veterans ride free – however the cost of \$3.5 mil - how will it be funded
- 3) Charlotte NC mayor Anthony Foxx nominated for USDOT Secretary – advocate of public transportation
  - a) Service:
    - 1) Ride quality improved for the S-curve – work completed two weeks early
    - 2) Many detours – due to filming of Captain America resulting in increased ridership
    - 3) APTA rail safety award – awarded to RTA
    - 4) Naming rights to the E 2<sup>nd</sup> St station sold – Huntington & Bryant & Stratton
    - 5) Next service changes – June 9 - 14
    - 6) Money goes back into maintenance of the Healthline
    - 7) On May 30 Waterfront line began 24x7 service – 6:30am – 10:30pm
- 4) Nationwide new initiative against Human Trafficking. Asking Public transit agencies be aware of someone in distress – awareness training underway
- 5) University/Cedar well under way – East side rail shut down for two weeks
- 6) Plans being finalized for Mayfield – Little Italy/University Circle Station, land acquisition has been approved
- 7) Clifton Blvd plan have been completed
- 8) Lee/VanAken – 60% of plans being reviewed
- 9) Brookpark – work to begin later this summer
- 10) June 15 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Scavenger 2 ½ times larger than last year
- 11) County funds announced for the study to close public square
- 12) Solar lighting has been installed at six stations for evaluation
- 13) Train bridge plates ordered and in production
- 14) Complaints of operators

- 15) Raised platforms should have tactile on the platform itself
- 16) Red line (Windemere) is there signage for loop stop? There should be – Steve Bitto to follow-up.
- 17) Discussion on state transportation funding
- 18) June 29/30 west side red line will be shut down

NEW BUSINESS - CAB Elections - John McGovern, CAB Chairman

- 1) In an effort to create accountability – please RSVP for all meetings
- 2) John McGovern is moderator of Googlegroup email – please send RSVP's to this address
- 3) Marie Fratus will contact Marjorie Sutton for RSVP's
- 4) Joe Calabrese asked John to create an orientation task force – Brooke Deines, Andre White & John McGovern volunteered
- 5) CAB business cards have been disseminated

CAB CHAIR REPORT - CAB Elections - John McGovern, CAB Chair

- 1) Operating guidelines – 50% have read them
- 2) John read the composition side of CAB guidelines
- 3) Jerry Masek –
  - a. Reminded us of using Robert's Rules of Orders during our meetings
  - b. Chair controls the meeting

John McGovern to work with Johnny Brewington and Martin Golob on proper meeting format

Motion to go into Executive session by Brooke Deines seconded by Ron Jackson

All in favor, the public was asked to step out

Board recommends:

Crystal - 10  
Tyler – 8  
Ben - 2  
David - 2

ADA COMMITTEE REPORT - Ron Jackson, Committee Chair - Next meeting 06/20/13

TIAC REPORT - Marjorie Sutton, Committee Chair - Next meeting 08/02/2013

- o Steve Bitto – guest speaker
  - a) New commercials: Captain America & three “easy to ride” spots
  - b) New brochures
  - c) New messaging systems at 9 rail stations
  - d) Scavenger hunt to date – with 30 teams and over 150 people
  - e) New bus signs to be installed on the #11 route initially
  - f) RTA working with the City of Shaker Heights to promote transit to its residents
  - g) Discussions on when/where to survey

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADJOURNED: Meeting adjourned at 10:00am

Next CAB meeting July 11, 2013  
RTA Board Room  
1240 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
8:30 a.m.  
<http://www.riderta.com/CAB>

John McGovern

12/16/2013

---

John McGovern, Citizens Advisory Board Chair

Date