

CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Thursday, February 12, 2015
RTA Board Room
1240 West 6th Street
Cleveland, OH 44113
8:30 A.M.

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 8:38am

The following members were present for the meeting: David Applefeld, Johnny Brewington, Crystal Guevarez, Martin Golob, Don Hill, Ron Jackson, Edward Opett, Donna Prease, Joseph Sopko, Marjorie Sutton, Jessica Whale, and George Zeller

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

NEW BUSINESS: Brian Temming, Project Manager of Facilities

- Discussion on the BrookPark facilities project and updates (see attached presentation)

NEW BUSINESS: Joel Freilich, Acting Director of Service Management

- Upcoming service changes (see attached presentation)
- Adjustments will be seen on the #22, #30, #9

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

- Ridership UP for January
 - Bus – UP 5%
 - Healthline – UP 8%
 - Rail – UP 4.6%
- More discussion at next Tuesday's meeting regarding the E 34th St station and looking for ways to make the E79th St station (RED line - obligated by law to keep it an accessible station) successful and strong attempts to keep from closing it. The city will tear down the E79th St bridge this year, for the next couple of year this area will be under construction.
- Student Advisory Council: first meeting was held in January with an eager group of students to give them a better understanding of RTA and their advocacy efforts. Next meeting is scheduled for April.
- Public Square: still no firm date. There may be a ground breaking on the 20th and on the 24th routes will change. One change in he plans – W Roadway Healthline station will be closed. A new map has been created. Signage has been erected around the square. Joe has met with the media who is eager to assist with getting the word out. RTA employees will be on hand at Tower City to spread the word and answer questions.
- Service shut down on the Tower City Rail on April 18 & 19
- There is an issue with too much signage on Clifton. A few signs may be removed – RTA is waiting for an approval from ODOT
- National Transportation day is April 9, 2015. Riders are encouraged to stand up for public transportation.
- Thanks to the ADAC for assisting with the new application form that is currently being used. Other recommendations to the Board to come.
- Water main break in Mayfield a few weeks ago caused damage to the E 120th St substation
- GCRTA crosses the Medina County line and Medina County pays RTA a stipend to go into that county

CAB CHAIR REPORT: New Business, John McGovern, CAB Chair

ADAC REPORT: Ron Jackson, Committee Chair
Next meeting 2/19/15, 9:30am, list of concerns for this year

TIAC REPORT: Marjorie Sutton, Committee Chair
Next meeting 3/06/15, combined meetings for the balance of this year

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE Report: Don Hill & Jessica Whale Co-Committee Chairs
Next Meeting – Joe and Chairs will compare schedules and get back to us

- Joe is very enthused about the efforts this group is willing to allocate
- Joe has been attending many meetings in Columbus. He is on a state committee to represent public transit. He feels the ODOT Director is better understanding the numbers. “We need help maintaining what we have” is what Joe said to him. In the CAB Advocacy meeting it was discussed to mail letters, it would not be in our best interest to mail letters at this time. The most important thing we can do now is to educate. Perhaps getting riders to sign a petition (which will be decided at a later date). Senator Patton is going to reintroduce his suggestion where all veterans ride free.
- Joe is suggesting that the CAB send letters to the ODOT Director and the Governor as well as creating petitions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Johnny Brewington was able to obtain a proclamation from the City of Cleveland to be handed to outgoing Chair John McGovern at our next CAB meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00am

**Next CAB meeting March 12, 2015
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<http://www.riderta.com/CAB>**

John McGovern, Chair

Date

Marjorie Sutton, Secretary

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