

**RTA CUSTOMER ADVOCACY GROUP
MEETING MINUTES**

Thurs, October 9, 2014

8am - 9:30am

Wright Stop Board Room

4 South Main St., Dayton, OH 45402

ATTENDING: Bruce Barcelo, Meoldy Burba, Jean Denney, Nozipo Glenn, Tonya Mathis, Tracy Moore, Nathan Owens, Wanda Slone, and Keith Steeber

ABSENT: Kjirsten Frank, Laura Heitz, Shari Hignite, Anna Horton, Sabrina Prichett, Sandra Speed

WELCOME

- Bruce welcomed everyone to our October RTA CAG meeting and everyone introduced themselves

UPDATES & REPORTS

- Chairperson update - Bruce shared updates including three interesting articles:
 - 1) The first article was from the METRO Magazine titled "Advocacy Groups Tackle Transit" detailing many of the projects undertaken by the Advisory Councils across the country.
 - 2) The second article was a sample of an Advisory Group's Mission, By-Laws and Goals from the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Riders Advisory Council. Please review and email Bruce if we want to consider using this as a guide for something similar for RTA CAG to develop.
 - 3) And the third article was from the APTA (American Public Transportation Association) on local coalition grant guidelines. Please review and provide feedback if this is something we should consider applying for next year before June 2015.
- Adopt a Stop - Nathan shared an update on Community Outreach including RTA would be attending campus events at SSC, WSU and Dayton in August & Sept.
- Faith Based Partnerships – Tonya and Nathan shared an update on the progress they had been making. A letter has been crafted and a list of addresses compiled. If you have names/contacts for additional church to add to the list, please email them to Nathan & Tonya. Nathan shared 2 informational meetings would be held in Nov.
- Tobacco free bus stops - Bruce shared progress being made throughout the Dayton area including the following: DPS will be updating their policies in late Oct. Cooper Park located behind the Dayton Public Library is the first city park to go tobacco free. Kettering/Oakwood would be voting on Nov 3 on a city ordinance for all Kettering Parks except the Frazee to become smoke free. Bruce & Sabrina made a presentation earlier this year that RTA CAP recommended all RTA bus stops be smoke free. Nathan will check on this for an update.

- RTA Staff -
 - 1) Tracey shared the following updates:
 - a) a Health Fair was being held on Oct 21 from 10-noon with free transportation that would host 18-20 tables on topics such as diabetes, health screenings, Care Source, Melina, Premier Health, Dayton Childrens Hospital, RTA,etc.
 - 2) Nathan shared the following updates:
 - a) A bike share program was approved for early next year. MVRBC/Bike MV would be overseeing the executive administration and RTA would manage the bikes and maintenance. They will utility bikes with a basket, rack, fender and fat tires. Many public transportation units in metropolitan areas are beginning to use a bike share program.
 - b) Dual mode diesel and trolley buses called “next generation or next gen” are being introduced. An additional 3 more buses are arriving in 12-18 month period.
 - c) Google transit – a test phase is completed. There have been several issues with mapping. However, Nathan thought the trip planning tool was very positive. Nathan will continue to update the group.
 - 3) Questions for RTA staff – A question was asked if RTA has any anti-idling policies to assist with air pollution. Nathan will check with Brandon and report back to the group.

NEW BUSINESS

- Melody inquired if there was an update on the bus stops at the Dayton Mall. It was shared that the LEAD GROUP who assisted with expanding RTA services to the Beavercreek/Fairfield Mall area is now focusing attention/advocacy on the Dayton Mall area. The contact person is Joyce Kasmach at Childrens Publishing 937-642-0502.
- Bruce shared that Dayton has received the Gold level award for the 2nd year in a row
- It was shared that RTA benches located on Genesis Way & Lyons Place were just sitting there and are not at a bus stop

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

8-9:30am on Thursday, December 11

Please share any corrections/changes/updates with Jean at jean.denney@wright.edu