

**RTA CUSTOMER ADVOCACY GROUP  
MEETING MINUTES**

October 12, 2017

8:00am - 9:30am

Wright Stop Plaza – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Multipurpose Room  
4 South Main St., Dayton, OH 45402

The meeting began without the needing of introduction of present members because there was no new persons attending at this time. Pete was welcomed back.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Up Dated information on Safe Routs to Parks Program**

- There was a fantastic turn out for the Adventure Central Program.

About 20 adults and about 30 children attended. There three different route audits and a lot of understanding and from the neighborhood from those that attended. The Park Managers gave positive feedback and are excited about having the same program around the Urban Parks.

This coming Saturday (10/14/17) is the Community Engagement Program and communication on the activities offered by the Dayton Police Department (Bomb Squad), (K-9 Unit), and perhaps the Swat Team as well.

R.T.A. is attending along with the Park Rangers, Pop Corn Machine, and other goodies. There will also be some gift giveaways. There will be an Annual Pass to the Ice Skating Rink, and a pass for the concession stand for the season. Nathan Owens also has some R.T.A. Passes and if anyone wants to contribute items, just let us know.

An Entry Ticket will be received for filling out a survey, which will be very simple to do.

Volunteers are needed to pass out materials. We are looking for a fantastic afternoon.

You may come early if you want to help get things set up. It is suggested to park around the Adventure Central Bridge and walk over by the Bike path. This will be a nice easy walk. 2222 is the James Mc Gee Adventure Central address, and 1441 Wesleyan Rd. off Cornell Dr. is the location. There will be picnic tables and shelters for our volunteers. There was some discussion on how this event has been marketed to the public.

The Neighborhood Association, Omega Baptist Church, Banners in the parks, other community development and Nathan Owens mention about putting the announcement on the RTA Face Book. We want to keep this event centrally located.

Surveys and informational input will be brought back to this CAG and we will take a look at the feedback for our "Safe Routes to Parks Program".

Erick Sourer made this report.

There was conversation about the safety of the public crossing, especially about the concerns of children because they do not have full depth perception and will not be able to tell the speed or proper distance of a vehicle's approach.

This issue was further discussed and will be considered a safer crossing boundary issues for this project.

And, also for those that have disabilities.

#### R.T.A. Informational Stats:

- Public Hearings: November 14, 2017.
- There will be two of them (10:00 and 6:00 pm) at the Wright Stop Plaza.

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- Purpose: Needed public feedback on potential R.T.A. changes.

The State of Ohio is having sales tax changes which will be less funding for all transportation organizations.

R.T.A. in Dayton, is expected to lose approximately \$4,000,000 from sales tax revenue. And Montgomery Co. comes to about \$8,000,000. And adjustments are to be made which will affect the public that use the systems transportation services. This does not include revenue of passenger's participation of the busing organization.

Other transit authorities are going to have worse problems than Dayton, OH. Cleveland, OH. Stands to lose \$22,000,000.00. RTA is trying to be pro-active but they are not depending on what the State is saying.

If the ridership public has any concerns or questions they may call a special set up line: (937) 425-8339.

More discussion continued with how the small ridership can get to places where they need to be. The smaller busses from the ones that are used for RTA Connect (Access Link) are being considered for this ridership analogy.

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- RTA SAFETY DAY

Monday, Oct. 16, 2017 has scheduled a Safety Day for our public to have knowledge of different safety tips. All will be offering suggestions on safety values and concerns. In addition, the Dayton Police will be offering Interactive Training.

#### New Business

- A question was introjected by Wanda about the Dayton Diabetic being a vendor for this venue because out of control blood sugars can be a personal safety issue for themselves and an issue for the police not knowing the proper medical actions of an uncontrolled Diabetic.

Diabetes was not one of the safety formats for this activity but would certainly be for the RTA's Health Fair.

These organizations can be contacted by calling (937)293-2131.

The Health Fair is being scheduled for some time in December before Christmas.

- A C.A.G. member stated a concern of negative activity between an R.T.A. bus driver and a rider. . We were advised that at any time we should see something of this nature to please report to the proper R.T.A. authority so this can be rectified in a positive and timely manner.
- An announcement was made that a new Executive Director was chosen for A.C.I.L (Access Center for Independent Living), however the name cannot be divulged until their background check has cleared.

End of Report

\*\*\* Next Meeting: Thursday, December 14, 2017 8:00 am

Respectfully Submitted By:

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