

**RTA CUSTOMER ADVOCACY GROUP
MEETING MINUTES**

April 11, 2018

8:00am - 9:30am

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

The meeting was called to order with the introductions of 11 members present.

The conversation began with comments on a community service project at Dorothy Lane Market attending their cooking classes, eating and making potato pancakes. They had fun eating various snacks served and sampling lots of other food products.

Old Business

UP DATE ON NATIONAL PARKS:

Wesleyan Metro Parks is actually our center of focus.

The N.P.R. is happy with the report that was submitted to them. Several organizations assisted in the actual participation of this report. City of

Dayton , Metro Parks, A.C. I.L., Children's Medical Center, Dayton Public Schools, 5 Rivers Metro Parks, Dayton R.T.A. M.V.R.P.C., Public Health Dept. Wesley Metro Park was our center of focus, and they are in the process of purchasing another 45 ackers for expansion. This area is West of Gettysburg Ave & north of Hoover Ave. This is a beautiful site and there could be lots of camping and fishing, and hiking.

A Power Point presentation was shown to explain the area. The property was owned by a residence group from Arkansas. Their aunt left the property them and they want to sell the property at market value. Even though they have never seen this area. The taxes are in the rear and they are presently getting that taken care of through the Lot Links Program. There are some parcels that aren't showing up here on the screen. We are working with the City of Dayton, M.V.P.R.C. for the Trotwood Connector. All the way out to the county line. There was an old gravel pit quarry. There is about 500 ft. direct access to Wolf Creek.

This Quarry property was given to Wayman Chapel AME Church and they cannot use it for what they thought they could because the ground is not stable enough to build anything on it.

A full master plan will be written up for this area. This will really access the community. A couple of bus stops have been identified. One of them is east of Gettysburg and James McGee and the other one is at Princeton and Kipling avenues.

We conducted walk audits and site visits. The Adventure Parks Jr. Rangers, other park staff and the City of Dayton Police DEpt., did three walks of those routes and gather information. We received some good info. Of just what issues and problems the citizens are having.

We conducted public input with a small carnival, the groups from the City of Dayton Police Dept., Bomb Squad, K-9 Unit, and so on. It was fantastic. The kids loved it.

Many connections were made.

Some of the complaints are:

- High traffic speed.
- Lack of safe crossing facilities.
- The light timing is too short at Gettysburg.
- Parking on the multi-used trail.
- Uneven or cracked sidewalks.

There are some positives atmosphere as well with this being a nice neighborhood.

Dayton Public Schools has a safe routes to park program, working with Westwood School. There is a combined effort being utilized. Funding is needed to make this project more successful.

There will be some improvements on the signs as well as repair of the also includes ground vegetation. The public health dept., and Children's Medical Center are in support of suggested discussed areas.

We will incorporate the Safe Routs to Parks Program and understand the R.T.A. connections. The development of the relationships is very important in making this work. Melony's participation in how she maneuvers was a real wake up.

It was mentioned that there was not enough information given to the churches because there was not enough community participation. It seems as though that radio advertisements as well as Facebook and other social media is the way to go to get folks to participate. It is very challenging to interest the public for large interest in park functions. The State of Ohio has about \$4,000,000.00 dollars to assist in the schools funding and it gets spread out among the schools.

There was some discussion about the signs. There will be some improvement for directional purposes. There are maps that the City of Dayton has of 88 ramps of what can be done to them for improvement of the infrastructure. There is always strategic situations occurring and planning being done.

They control the involvement that it takes to make certain that the whole community is contacted and given the information that is needed to educate them for all certain or uncertain situations that or when it occurs.

There was some statements that most area citizens do not understand what "Safe Routs to Parks" is!

Especially with the OPIOD epidemic

. We are seeing movement because of the community involvement with the OPOID Action Team working with Faith Based communities.

There was some discussion and explanation on the electronic cigarettes called Jewel. The school systems are having difficulty in controlling the children in using this drug. It contains a liquid Nicotine

equivalent to one pack of cigarettes. It is responsible for over 50% of the electronic cigarettes market. This is a very dangerous health issue for anyone doing this.

UP DATE ON BUS PASSES

We are seeing about an 81% in the difference of the usage of bus passes as oppose to the usage of cash. R.T.A. is happy about the shift change.

BENCHMARKING

This has begun and will continue until May 11, 2018. This can be found on the internet.

Everyone is encouraged to do this survey and tell your friends and peers.

It's everything about customer service and satisfaction. We want your feedback on how we are communicating to the public.

Those that complete the survey will be given a free bus pass.

BIKING

It's that time for healthy bike riding. We are getting ready for this promotion.

There is a very nice bike path in Trotwood that goes out to the county line into Brookville. Once it's connected there will be about 360 miles of biking roads in the country.

Bike Miami Valley does their training of travel training.

And Bike Hostiles can be found around the Caesars Creek area.

MASTER PLAN

R.T.A. has begun a Master Plan to make some more possible changes in routing and mapping. We are looking in some general changes and perhaps overhaul the current system.

Eventually there will be accepted public input.

M.V.R.P.C.

We will be starting a Human Services Coordinator Plan Update. The C.A.G. group is being asked to become active in this process. A Steering Committee will be put together to get results. The goal is to see if the H.S.P.C. can coordinate the smaller transportation agencies programs as well as the senior programs we are getting involved in trying to coordinate all the different agencies transportation systems for transportation. We have an inventory of information of all the different transportation efforts. And, there is a web site: www.miamivalleyridefinder.org.

UPDATES

Access Center for Independent Living will be relocating, beginning July first at the Opportunities Center on W. Fifth Street. This use to be the old 5th. Street YMCA in the day.

The Miami Valley Chapter of the N.F.B. is having their 20th. Annual Italian Dinner. Tickets are \$7.00. This is being held at the Christ Episcopal Church, 20th. W. First St. 2nd. Saturday.

End of Report

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 9th, 2018 8:00 am

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Secretary