

April 28, 2016 CACDI Meeting Minutes

Attendees present:

Karen Kostelac, Chair

Paul Walker

Katie Frederick

Tricia Kovacs, Vice Chair

Mary Hiland

Rick Isabel, city of Columbus

Bill Stepp, COTA

Tiffany McClain, Columbus State

Kay Grier

Marleen Stewart

Nancy Sully, Senior Legislative Advisor, Columbus City Council engagement

Chair Karen Kostelac called the meeting to order and thanked those who attended Anne Christopher's memorial service.

A brief discussion about sidewalks took place on the south side of Bethel Road. Karen reported the sidewalk situation at Main and High is now fixed. There are now sidewalks at Great Southern and on Lockbourne Road. Marleen asked if 311 can be contacted to get sprinklers on an earlier time of day so they don't interfere with pedestrians.

Kay announced MORPC is overseeing a grant from ODOT to provide accessible vans to nonprofits in the Franklin county area; if interested, contact MORPC.

Nancy Sully spoke about her role with city council. Her contact information is as follows: email is npsully@columbus.gov phone (614) 465-2010. She's attended the south side commission meetings and health commission meetings. Nancy will attend our meetings to be a listening ear to be there to address city challenges. Let Nancy know about special events as soon as possible if we want city representation. Nancy intends to implement a community calendar for city council members so they know what's going on and where for the purposes of representing the council. Tricia wanted to make Nancy aware that as new parking meters are installed to make sure they do not block the sidewalk. Kay Grier will email Nancy the flyer so she can pass it along to council members. Nancy can provide contact info for council members to the CACDI committee.

Kay spoke about the ADA celebration, July 28, 2016 on the Columbus Commons. This year, for improved accessibility, the food trucks will be moved to a more accessible location. More information about the event will continue to be shared next month.

Tricia then asked Rick about updates to our website; our information is not being updated properly. Nancy and Rick will follow up with this following the meeting.

Karen asked if we have a May speaker. Council President Klein will speak to us, we just don't have a definite date yet. Upcoming meeting venues were discussed. We are meeting at Franklin Park in May, the state library in June, Mary will cancel our space at the state library in July. Tricia raised the issue of traffic signal removal, Nancy suggested to contact a state representative about this because the removal of the signals is at the state and federal levels.

Rick introduced our guest speaker Emerald Hernandez, director of government affairs and labor relations. Columbus is competing with seven cities for an 80 million dollars grant for smart transportation. The grant is for mid-sized cities to implement the most effective transportation as possible. Access to jobs, sustainable transportation, logistics, are the focus areas for the grant. Partners include OSU, COTA, Batell and others. A goal of focus is the enhancement of the C-Max line. 350 sensors will go on buses helping identify blind spots to help with dangerous intersections. Smart intersections and corridors will also be an option, especially more in the future as vehicles become smarter. Smart logistics will help improve navigation for drivers to get

them around the city more efficiently. Connected visitors and connected residents are ways to help inform people about events and transportation options around the city. A one-payment system is also part of the grant, allowing one method of payment to access Uber, Lyft, COTA, etc. the US Department of Transportation mandates that accessibility is at the forefront of this grant, making sure everything's accessible from the start, not an afterthought. In addition to the USDOT grant, Columbus is also applying for a smart electric grid so that each house gets only the power it needs to operate its devices.

The meeting was then adjourned.