

## **Minutes for Clifton Blvd Extension Support Organization (CBE)**

**Date March 22, 2017**

**Location Mansell home**

### **Attendees-**

Tom Feser, Connie Mansell, Ben VanLear, Dawn Cushing, Ray Cushing, David Steinmuller. Linda Grandstaff, Nancy Binder, and Councilmember Cindy Marx

### **Chairman's comments**

Tom Feser welcomed everyone for attending the meeting and discussed how fortunate we were to have Cindy Marx for Lakewood City Council. He discussed that the goal from our first meeting on February 22, 2017 was to form an organization for CBE. He also thanked want to thank everyone who has agreed to be part of this board.

### **Approve Minutes**

The minutes from the February 22, 2017 were approved.

### **Old Business**

We reviewed the history of the road project including 4 years of interaction with NOACA, ODOT, and City of Lakewood. We also discussed the organizations purpose of adding enhancements to the basic lane reductions and bike paths.

We also discussed the "Welcome to Lakewood" sign. Cindy and David pointed out that the sign had to match the Lakewood signs throughout the city. It is also unlikely that the city would permit a sign that refers to Clifton Park.

### **New Business**

Received non-profit documentation from Secretary of State and will now contact the IRS.

Tom discussed the conversation with John Motl from ODOT District 12 concerning the final designs for the project. Cindy Marx will contact Bryce Sylvester and Joe Beno for the plans to submit to ODOT. The city has, however, have committed to lane reduction, bike lanes, and stanchions. The budgeted funds from the city for 2017 is \$50,000.

Tom will also get grant information that we may be able to apply for, specifically available funding for new lighting.

Ray Cushing informed us that although the city's budget includes this project there is no breakdown of the budgeted funds.

Although we were asked to fund a new "Welcome to Lakewood" sign, discussions concerning restrictions concerning logo and content need to be clarified by the city.

Ben talked about the March 16, 2017 "Bike Lakewood" meeting. Connie attended the meeting and was impressed by how Bike Lakewood has such a positive impact on our city, specifically working with educating middle school students on bike safety. At this meeting we found out at

our project as well as a “Lakewood Alive” streetscaping project for Warren Road will also be part of Lakewood’s road projects.

Our group discussed how we could coordinate their organization with ours. A bike station, like the ones at the Lakewood Library and Whole Foods, could be included as an enhancement to the changes to the road. These stations include air pumps and tools. Nancy talked about the new Ohio law requiring vehicular traffic to stay at least 3 feet from bikes.

Linda Grandstaff addressed her concerns over using planters instead of Stanchions to separate the vehicular from the bike lanes. She pointed out the safety issue for anyone who is maintaining the planters. She also pointed out the fact that the plants would be exposed to road salt and that watering the plants is an issue. Having planters on the grass could be part of the beautification of the area.

Linda suggested a Mission Statement that explains exactly why we exist, what we want to accomplish.

### **Ideas to raise funds for the project**

Ray Cushing will try to reserve the Clifton Beach House for a Fundraiser. We discussed getting cooperation from the Clifton Park Trustee to waive the rental fee and the fee for each non Park resident or Clifton Club member. Clifton Park directly benefits from this project. We discussed this as a joint fund raiser with Bike Cleveland/Lakewood and CBE.

We could design window flyers for Lakewood business asking on the flyer for direct donations.

Linda informed us that each 6ft bench at Kaufman Park was \$2,924.

### **Distribution of information:**

We discussed how to promote this project. We have a Website: [www.cliftonblvdextsup.org](http://www.cliftonblvdextsup.org) and a Gmail address: [cbesuporg@gmail.com](mailto:cbesuporg@gmail.com) . We discussed each of us thinking about ideas we may have that could be added to the website. Those ideas could be sent to the Gmail address. For instance, I would like our minutes posted each month on the website. Also a history of the road. Those who attended the meeting agreed that their names can be posted on the website and printed on the stationary.

We need to promote both the website and Gmail. This could be accomplished through newspaper articles, mailings, Next Door, links from and to other websites, and flyers.

### **When and where next meeting.**

April 26<sup>th</sup>, 7pm

Location will be sent out soon