

## Clifton Blvd. Extension Support Organization

Minutes from April 26, 2017

at the home of Connie Mansell

**Present:** Nancy Binder, Tom Feser, John Forgetta, Laura Little, Connie Mansell, David Steinmuller, Ben Van Lear

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** Approved minutes of Mar. 22 meeting

### Old Business

We discussed the Mission statements and the need for board input

Laura Little emailed these suggestions:

To create a beautiful and safe thoroughfare for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists  
(along Clifton Blvd. Extension)

Under this broad mission, our *goals are:*

- \*slow traffic
- \*reduce driving lanes
- \*increase green space
- \*provide bike lanes and sidewalks
- \*install safety barriers, lighting, etc.

Under the goals, the *objectives* to support the goals and mission are:

- \*collect suggestions from the Lakewood community
- \*report progress to the Lakewood community
- \*raise funds through federal grants, corporate donations, social fundraisers

Ben met with Katlyn and Alex with the Planning Department. Ben sent out an email that stated that the CBE bike lanes are part of the city's summer restriping plan for 2017 but at this time there is no specific date. He was also told that the bids have been sent out for the painting. He will contact for the current drawings. He brought up the thought of having the travel lanes at the narrower recommended width to get the traffic-calming effect. They thought that the lane was probably already 12' rather than 15'.

He emailed us a graphic for Bike Lakewood's vision for a Metropark bike path connector. He is working with Bike Cleveland on pulling in the City of Cleveland and the Edgewater neighborhood for the Cleveland segment. He is hoping to partner with Lakewood, NOACA, Cleveland, and the Metroparks, CBE protected bike lanes (which will be the first in Cleveland area - a big deal) could be part of something much bigger.

The discussion of applying for grants was also discussed. If we are able to get a NOACA grant we will need the city to sponsor it. The city would have to supply 20% of the grant. These NOACA application need to be submitted by the fall.

David offered to help us with applying for Private Foundation Grants. These grants do not require a sponsor but some will only work with nonprofits. He will be able to work with us after the semester ends. At that time we need to set aside a day to go the Foundation Center.

John Forgetta felt that reconnecting Clifton Park was no longer the focus of this project. He objected mostly to stanchions and bike lanes. He John departed the meeting indicating he could not support this project.

Next meeting May 31, 2017