

CBE Minutes
August 31, 2017
Home of Connie Mansell
7pm

Attendance: Connie Mansell, David Steinmuller, Tom Feser, Laura Little, Nancy Binder

Approval of Minutes: minutes approved

Old Business:

We have a new website. Cbeso.org

David and Nancy reported on their continued progress with the Foundation Grant applications. David suggested we apply for Foundation grants, tiger grants, and NOACCA TLCI grants. He pointed out that we will need City approval and have them sign off on any grants that will need a sponsor. He stated that it is easier to get funds if we can make a case for the health and recreational benefits of biking and walking with the addition of sidewalks. He also discussed the Cleveland Foundation and how we make want to apply to them for funds.

Still waiting for nonprofit tax status to be approved. We have been asked to address why we should be a 501c3. It was suggested that we point out to the IRS the historical significance of the area. David suggested that we talk to Greg Palumbo at the Lakewood Historical Society.

New Business

David attended the Westside Greenway project. This project promotes a safe and easy bike path to connect the Shoreway at Edgewater Park and the Rocky River Reservation Path. This path would link Metro Parks to the West side of Cleveland and would include Lakewood. Lakewood is installing 10ft bike lanes with 4 foot stanchions. Tom and Connie attended Rocky Rivers Public Meeting concerning Rocky River's Master Plan. There plans show a connection between Rocky River and Lakewood.

We also discussed other ways to raise money. We will need the 501c3 if we want to solicit donations from corporations but David and Laura shared ideas from other groups that they belong to. Such as selling tickets to an event, advertise at bars patronized by bikers and "pass a basket" requesting donations. Placing signs in the bike stores in both Lakewood and Rocky River promoting this project. Promote the safety of children riding their bikes to school.

Connie contacted ODOT requesting information on if there was any plan from 1963 that were never followed through or if there was any funds still available from any past agreement. It was worth a try but no such luck.

Signs of painting have begun!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Connie Mansell