

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Elmer Beard.

Those Members Present: Dana Bumgardner, John Burr, Jim Campbell, Leann Castillo, Joyce Chilton, John Detrick, Karen Duncan, Mike Groeber, David Hartley, Richard Henry, Argeri Lagos, Rick Lohnes, Lowell McGlothlin, Chris Moore, Leo Shanayda, and Tom Troxell.

Those Alternates Present: Lonnie Cain, Howard Kitko, Chris Lohr, Virginia Martycz, John Reed, and Col. William Wolfarth.

Those Others Present: Tricia Bishop, Dale Boussum, Mary Boyle, Frank Campbell, Connie Everhart, Jerry Everhart, Tiffany Latta, Jack Mecham, Delbert Morgan, Kathy Streng, Phyllis Terry, Sgt. Ralph Underwood, Bill Witt, Maggie Yowler, Scott Schmid, Zach Balassone, Brian Mercer, Louis Agresta, and Melanie Runkel.

Following roll call, Chairman Beard led the TCC in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Motion by Jim Campbell, seconded by Leo Shanayda to approve the minutes from the December 13, 2013 meeting.

Vote: Motion approved.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The Chairman recognized three new TCC members:

- David Dombrosky for Jobs and Family Services, Sam Stucky for the Village of South Charleston, and Karen Duncan for City of Springfield Commission.

The Chairman also recognized the 50th anniversary of the first TCC meeting which was held on February 14, 1964.

FINANCIAL REPORTING

Budget Status & Cash on Hand Report

Motion by Lowell McGlothlin, seconded by Richard Henry to approve the Budget Status & Cash on Hand Report.

Vote: Motion approved

Summary of Expenses

Expenditures were for the amount of \$69,050.35. Motion to approve was made by Jim Campbell, seconded by Richard Henry.

Vote: Motion approved

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING UPDATE

US Bike Route 50 Designation

Louis Agresta presented Resolution 2014-A for TCC approval. The proposed resolution supports the State in its efforts to apply for designation of the US Bike Route 50 across the state. Louis gave a brief overview of this initiative that ODOT is pursuing. Jim Campbell stated that the Clark County Park District passed a resolution of support at their most recent meeting. Louis added that he hopes to speak to someone with South Charleston in regards to including a resolution of support to their agenda. Motion by Tom Troxell, seconded by Jim Campbell to approve Resolution 2014-A. Vote: Motion approved

TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD UPDATE

Highway

- ODOT District 7 – no updates to report
- County Engineer – no updates to report
- City Engineer – no updates to report

Railroad

- WESTCO – Richard Henry reported the annual meeting will be held on March 19th in Champaign County with a location details still being confirmed. He also reported carload numbers for 2013 was just over 23,000. John Detrick asked how the numbers compared to last year. Zach stated that 21,800 carloads was reported in 2012.

Trails

- National Trails Park and Recreation – no updates to report
- Clark County Park District – no updates to report

Officials and Others

- County Commission – Rick Lohnes acknowledged those individuals in attendance who would be speaking on their concerns for a request to install a noise wall along I-70 in the area where they live. John Detrick stated that he supported this project and would like to see it pursued at least at the local level, and if it is to get rejected it will be at the national level.
- City of Springfield – Joyce Chilton reported the Springfield Community Development Dept. is still taking applications for homes that need to be abated of lead. Joyce also thanked ODOT for replacing the sign located on SR4, east of the IR675 interchange.
- City of New Carlisle – Lowell McGlothin reported that everything has been approved for construction to begin on CVS, with an estimated completion date of September/October 2014.

- Village of Enon – Chris Lohr reported that ProMac will be adding new jobs to their facility.
- Harmony Township – no updates to report
- Pleasant Township – no updates to report
- Sheriff Dept. – no updates to report
- Chamber of Commerce – Argeri Lagos gave an update on commercial development in Springfield.
- Citizen – Mike Groeber reported the first meeting of the Springfield Bike Plan Task Force was recently held. He reported that the Bike Springfield group is working to establish themselves in order to become a chapter of Bike Miami Valley. Mike also reported that there are new trail maps available for the Ohio to Erie Trail. Elmer Beard reminded everyone of the upcoming Home and Garden Show.
- Job and Family Services – no updates to report
- Developmental Disabilities of Clark County – no updates to report
- Citizen – Pat Boyle presented concerns regarding I-70 and request the installation of a noise wall along I-70 in the Ashbrook Estates and Arrow Creek neighborhoods. She stated that the offices of Representatives McGregor and Widener, and Congressman Boehner have been contacted. Citizens have met with Chris Martin, a representative with Congressman Boehner's office to discuss the issue. A letter of support has been acquired from the Mad River Township Trustees in support of a noise study for both neighborhoods and the addition of a noise barrier wall. Also, a signed petition in favor of the noise barrier wall has been acquired from 51 out of the 56 homes. She stated that contact has been made with ODOT staff and this issue has been discussed with County Commissioners. Jack Meecham provided data compiled for the intersection of I-70 and SR56 where a noise wall was installed, as well as included density comparison data for the Ashbrook/Arrow Creek neighborhoods and I-70/SR56, and comparison data with the Limecrest neighborhood (SR72 and I-70). He also questioned the DB readings obtained in Arrow Creek in 2005. Jack requested to have the data for both neighborhoods re-examined due to discrepancies in the data he has collected and the data ODOT collected.

Rick Lohnes made a motion to request another study be conducted by ODOT in the Ashbrook Estates and Arrow Creek neighborhoods along I-70. John Detrick seconded the motion.

Lonnie Cain stated that ODOT District 7 has received communication from Pat Boyle early on. He also stated that Tricia Bishop, Environmentalist with ODOT District 7, has been in contact with Noel Alcala on several occasions to discuss this issue. Tricia Bishop acknowledged that the neighborhoods are impacted by noise and based on the most current studies there are 10 homes in the design year build that have an average daily noise level of 67 DB. She clarified that the two DB readings taken were for

calibration purposes only to make sure the computer models used to predict noise levels in the design year were accurate relative to the conditions that were already there. Tricia also clarified that the interstate is not being widened out towards the neighborhood, but being widened from the inside. The travel lanes will not move closer to the homes. Tricia noted that with the widening of the interstate from the inside, there is a small reduction in noise levels because some of the vehicles move to the interior. Tricia stated the noise level will increase because traffic will increase and not because of the project. Tricia reviewed the criteria that FHWA demands be met before constructing a noise wall. She stated that the numbers have been run multiple times, but the price for the barrier can't go any lower than \$50,000 per benefiting unit. Tricia noted that the location in Madison County when it was cost analyzed, ODOT was using \$17.00 per square foot, but due to inflation that figure has risen to \$25.00. She also noted that when the barrier was constructed, the end cost was over \$800,000 although it was estimated at \$350,000. This barrier was 10' high and the barrier required at the Ashbrook Estates and Arrow Creek neighborhoods would have to be 16', and that is why the cost of the barrier is coming to \$1 million. Tricia stated where it stands now, Federal regulations do not allow for the installation of a barrier in this area and until the noise barrier regulations change one can't be installed. A new study could be done, but it won't change the findings. Pat Boyle stated that in the ODOT document the berm along I-70 would be moved 2' closer to the neighborhood. Lonnie Cain stated that widening of the berm is for a safety precaution to allow people to pull off in case of an emergency and also to help plow back snow during the winter. Pat also questioned what materials are being used that would cause the cost of the barrier to be \$1 million. Tricia stated that ODOT is required once every 5 years to re-examine what is being used as the average cost per square foot for noise barriers. Once this cost has been established, it has to be approved by FHWA. A citizen asked how high the barrier wall will be that is being installed by the trailer court that is owned by one person. Tricia stated she wasn't sure, but it is based on benefiting receptors and not on who owns a particular parcel. The citizen also asked what is the difference between their neighborhoods and the Limecrest neighborhood where a noise wall will be installed. Tricia stated the houses in the Limecrest neighborhood are very close together and there is also the park to be considered. Frank Campbell asked for further explanation as to why this needed to be a 16' wall. Tricia explained that it depended on the topography of the region and where the noise wall is to be installed, there has to be different heights to protect the houses. John Burr stated that based on the criteria, this would meet the requirements, but the one thing holding it back is that it does not meet the cost criteria with FHWA. Tricia acknowledged that was correct and is evaluated every 5 years. Leo Shanayda asked if the residents have the opportunity to make up the cost. Tricia stated that is strictly prohibited because it favors higher income properties over lower income properties. A citizen commented that in 2004 she contacted ODOT about the increase in noise level and was informed that there would be a third lane and the possibility of a noise wall installed. Tricia stated that she hasn't seen that letter and more than likely the letter stated that the area would be evaluated for a noise barrier and if you met the criteria one would be installed.

A motion was on the table to request another study to be conducted by ODOT in the Ashbrook Estates and Arrow Creek neighborhoods; however, based on the discussion, Rick Lohnes made a motion to withdraw his previous motion. John Detrick agreed to withdraw his motion.

**Clark County – Springfield
Transportation Coordinating Committee
Regular Meeting**

**February 14, 2014
Springview Government Center
10:30 A.M.**

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by John Burr, seconded by Leo Shanayda to adjourn the meeting.
Vote: Motion approved.

Sincerely,

Elmer M. Beard
Chairman