



1. **ROLL CALL** – President Haring called the meeting to order at 12 o'clock. Jotika Shetty confirmed that roll call was taken. Everyone introduces themselves.

2. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 29, 2019 MEETING**

*Tim Bowersock made a motion to approve the minutes and seconded by Brian McCartney. Minutes were approved by unanimous vote.*

3. **TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

**A. Public Transportation Report**

Todd Blankenship gave the committee an update on Richland County Transit, stating that the Transit Board recently hired Chris Terry as the General Manager. Jill Rohr began her job as the Fiscal Officer and David Yoder has been appointed to the Transit Board.

Todd reported the route changes have been well received. Further analysis will begin after we have several months of ridership data. The board is considering technology upgrades for bus location app and data collection.

**B. Technical Advisory Committee Report**

Todd reviewed the Active Transportation Plan (ATP). Stake holder meetings have been held on May 21 and July 23. Final stakeholder meeting will be late September and Final Plan will be adopted early next year.

The Richland County Safety Plan had a stakeholder meeting. This plan is "towards the zero death initiative". It is planned to be completed by November for Regional Planning adoption in early 2020. The Plan is funded by ODOT who have hired consultants Burgess & Niple/Cam Systems to complete the plan.

RCRPC is having a temporary pop-up street transformation project on fourth Street between N. Diamond and N Main Street. The project to be held from August 2<sup>nd</sup> to August 17<sup>th</sup> will temporarily transform the parking spaces into a wider sidewalk. Traffic calming bump-outs and a mid-block crosswalk will be installed along with alley lighting. The project is made possible through a grant from Richland County foundation and the Health Department.

**C. Other Transportation issues from the floor.**

**RICHLAND COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

Committee Reports

**A. Zoning, Subdivision and Land Use Committee**

The Commissioners approved the amendment on July 11 to the subdivision Regulations adopted by this Commission.

**B. Ohio District 16 (Clean Ohio/Infrastructure/Job Ready Sites)**

Linda Bailiff is the new Director. She was a district representative for a long time. So she has lot of experience with the program and looking closely at the methodologies of each district as they are different. Leadership meetings are to be held with liaisons to discuss and may be asked to make changes effective next funding round. OPWC has a new website. Is very user friendly. From next round they will be asking applicants to fill application and upload information directly online to a portal.

Clean Ohio met on July 6th. Grants totaling \$2,486,775 was distributed to two projects. Acquisition of 122 acre tract located near the intersection of State Route 60 and County Road 1754 in Ashland County. The project is for the acquisition of 100.939 acres of land on Warwick Road in Wayne County. All funding for Round 14 was allocated and will not have any fresh funds to allocate till July 2020. It is getting very competitive and projects are being scored to determine funding unlike in past when there was excess funding. Merits of the application will be important.

**4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT –**

Regional Planning completed the update to the Analysis of Impediments to fair Housing in Richland County. This was an update to the Study completed in 2016. Mansfield, is known as a participating jurisdiction and is required to conduct its own separate study. In order to comply with the Fair Housing certification the county submits when receiving State CDBG formula allocation, it is required to analyze housing patterns and practices for any impediments to fair housing, and to develop remedies for any barriers identified. Fair Housing protects against discrimination in housing based on Race, color, sex, religion, nationality, disability, familial status.

Projects for the County 2017 CDBG grant completed. Dayspring completed Phase 2 of their electrical update including new back up generator installed and the Mansfield Art Center was able to bring its elevator into certificate compliance. 5 targeted housing emergency repairs completed. Grant closeout is September 31st for project completion. CDBG 2019 program application submitted but have not received agreement. Acknowledged the Richland County Foundation for making the grant to the fourth Street project from their RCF Board discretionary Fund. This is the first grant they have made for a Mansfield Rising project as temporary pop up projects is one of the items in the plan. Also the richland County board of Health supported through their Healthy Communities Fund.

Village of Butler received their PTI for the regional waste water plant. The CDBG RPIG agreement should be released and the project will be ready to bid.

Completed the CAP cost allocation year end balancing to adjust invoicing to the various programs for yearend billing. Hired a new administrative assistant Terri Kiser who will be starting July 29.

Since 2019 marks the 60 anniversary of the RCRPC, at the next meeting a photographer will be present to take a group portrait of Commission members.

**5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT –**

There was no president report.

**6. COMMUNITY UPDATES**

Jodie Perry Mansfield Chamber of Commerce Director shared information on Idea Audition. Richland Idea Audition will be held on September 17, 2019, at the Ohio State University-Mansfield Founders Hall. The focus of the pitch contest is to support new business, help entrepreneurs get a new business off the ground and introduce entrepreneurs to the community for support.

**7. PROGRAM**

Trae Turner with the Area Agency on Aging was the program speaker. The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. (AAA) is a nonprofit agency that serves Ashland, Crawford, Huron, Knox, Marion, Morrow, Richland, Seneca, and Wyandot Counties. They have programs for all ages and all income levels; however, they specialize in services and programs for older adults and anyone with disabilities. Trae shared national and Richland County data on the aging population and some of the impact community programs have on the welfare of their clients.

**8. OTHERS FROM THE FLOOR**

Adam Gove mentioned the State is flying all the counties for elevation and LiDAR. Counties have the option to buy-up for two inch vertical precision. Cost would be \$ 52,000. If there is interest to let him know . Public comment period closed on the Illinois Cook Rd safety project. The preferred option for the roundabout will be the chosen option.

**9. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS**

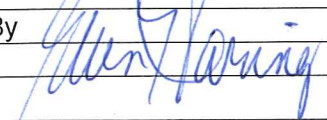
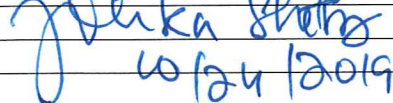
Executive Committee:  
Full Commission

August 14, 2019  
October 23, 2019

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by declaration.

*There being nothing further, President Haring concluded the meeting.*

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| Ellen Haring | Jotika Shetty      |
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