

Minutes of the Cleveland Heights Transportation and Mobility Committee

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

Attendees: Sam Bell (via Zoom), Chris Brace, Gail Laron, Gayle Lewin, and Howard Maier. Fern Haught and Aaron Ware were excused due to family matters. Special guest was Collette Clinkscale, Director of the Cleveland Heights Public Works Department and Kalil Seren, Cleveland Heights Mayor.

After introductions, Ms. Clinkscale described the duties and challenges her department faces. While our committee focuses on transportation, her department must deal not only with transportation, but also trash collection, wastewater management, public properties, and other myriad responsibilities including record keeping, budgeting, and grants management for the department.

The department also faced a daunting winter of freeze/thaw disruption of the streets. She has crews working diligently to repair the potholes, but asphalt was not available until just a few weeks ago. The committee offered its assistance in working with the public about the work that is being done and the difficulties in meeting all the demands. (Note: As an example of how we can be helpful, Gayle Lewin posted a synopsis of all the work that's being done on her Facebook page the next day.)

We discussed a host of topics with her including Complete Streets, Safe Routes to School, speed tables, roundabouts, crashes, deer, signage, behavior of drivers, and other issues. She pledged to provide data as she has it. The committee expressed interest in helping in any way that would be helpful. She was appreciative of the committee's willingness to be helpful and suggested we also work with the Planning Department on future needs as most of her time is taken up with dealing with maintenance issues.

The main takeaway was that the committee has a better understanding of the department's many responsibilities and she knows she has an ally. She appreciated the committee's willingness to be helpful. We all look forward to a future of closer collaboration and understanding.

The next meeting will be May 29th. Invitations will go to the police chief and the planning director. The invitation to the planning director will also request the attendance of the city's GIS coordinator.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard Maier, interim recorder