

Public Library weekly meeting Room 3A

Attendance: Kevin Shaw, Jim Farber, Nathan Alley, Cam Hardy, Andy Shenk, Barb Wolf

Cam: We won the election big and carried every precinct in the city.

Most of the people making decisions, Jill, etc, all support going for the levy in March.

The business community is doing a countywide poll this week to gauge support. Eric Kearney said we should go for it either way because the county is turning Democrat.

The strategic team hasn't had a chance to sit down and figure out countywide strategy. Matt Wahlert, a local Republican, is going to offer support for the SORTA levy because of the way it has sought to gain support.

I don't expect full Republican support, but I expect some to support.

Nathan: For Republicans, it made sense to support Issue 22, because at least it guaranteed a small tax cut in case the county levy passes.

I talked to Pete and Taylor on Monday. We want SORTA to clarify levy language. They said when the levy passes, it will likely be general in regards to infrastructure, but then they plan to develop a scoring rubric for any roads projects.

Cam: The campaign will have an office and we will likely start meeting there on Wednesdays.

Nathan: Sierra Club is going to roll out campaign encouraging a vote for the levy, but also for SORTA to transition to renewable energy source. We have a vision for buying electric buses and piggybacking on City of Cincinnati renewable energy investment.

Cam: Darryl and SORTA are trying to figure out which type of bus they plan to buy in the future.

Nathan: Has anyone talked to county commissioner candidates about endorsing levy?

Cam: Connie Pilich said yes, Alicia Reece hasn't decided yet. Andy Black hasn't said anything.

The generic language for the levy is too long right now. They are trying to cut it down. It will likely be decided on by special meeting in December.

I'm going to New Orleans and Tampa in upcoming weeks for transit conferences.

We'll cancel next week's meeting, the day before Thanksgiving.

Cam: Update on bus only lanes. DOT is studying the proposals. We are waiting for results from DOT, then the Reading Road proposal should be ready.

Kevin: What's happening with southbound traffic at the Northside Transit Center?

Cam: I talked with Mark about that. Northside community council is going to write a letter asking for a solution.

As far as Main St bus-only lane, I would be okay with sending a letter to city council asking them to paint the lane.