

General meeting at Public Library, Room 3A

Attendance: Mark Samaan, Celeste Treece, Jim Farber, Andy Shenk, Nikki Shenk, ?, Tom Allen, Barbara Wolf, James

Mark: Fundraiser at Gina and Kevin Marsh's on Saturday, 6 pm. We'll sell t-shirts for \$20.

I'm proposing bus-only lane on Reading. Transportation is studying this proposal. DOTE now has a transit position. The person in the position's dad was a bus driver.

When we discussed bus lane and signal priority, he was very receptive and interested in helping apply for grants. Under his role, any time transit improvement is proposed by City Hall, he oversees the project.

We're proposing signal priority at Schwartz Point. Has 4 major bus lines and not a lot of car traffic.

Celeste: Cam spoke at Charter meeting last week with George Vincent and Pete Witte. Vincent wants to raise 1.5 million and put levy on the ballot in March. We're still deciding on when/if we submit our signatures. Vincent is not worried about the lack of commissioner support. They are proposing .7 for Metro and .3 for infrastructure, which would cover Reinventing Metro.

Union wants a hybrid funding model - sales and earnings tax - so they are not happy right now with the mayor and the levy.

Business coalition wants to know if we can put our logo on their event in July.

Nikki: Can we see the language for their flyer before we vote on it?

Celeste: I can ask Cam to ask them to send it over.

Mark: I've written a few different editorials complaining about the process.

Celeste: We should work to get bike folks on board with our coalition.

Our questions are who will be appointed to infrastructure commission? Also, we need to know who will have control of the SORTA board?

We need to know how coalition will be funded for promoting a levy?

Mark: Let's give the business coalition a tentative yes to put our logo on their event, but we want to see their flyer.

Andy: I would like to step down as treasurer, especially if we're going to have much bigger expenses and donations.

Celeste: I can talk to some people about being treasurer.