



**SAFE ROUTES to  
SCHOOL**  
FAIRVIEW PARK

**SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
Wednesday, December 9, 2015  
Troubadour Coffee Co., 21380 Lorain Road, Fairview Park**

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order & Attendance**

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm.

Those present included Matt Hrubey, Megan Conklin, Bill Minek, Paul Shepard, Barb Brady, and Kathy Yarian.

**Approval of Past Meeting Minutes**

Shepard motioned to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2015 meeting without revision. Brady seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

**Coordinator Report**

Matt presented the current financials for the Committee (Attachment 1). The Committee currently has \$3,027.44 in available funds, approximately half from the ODOT Safe Routes to School non-infrastructure grant and half from Cleveland Clinic donations.

The infrastructure improvement project is moving along. Hatch Mott MacDonald is close to completing the design. The City of Fairview Park will bid out the project for construction to commence in July.

**Walk to School Day – October 7, 2015**

Brady reported the event worked out well and suggested we reuse the model for future events. Hrubey reported 55% of the Gilles-Sweet student body participated in Walk to School Day. That number is 95% if you remove from the equation the number of students that are bused.

**Project Updates**

Half of the remaining ODOT non-infrastructure grant funds have been earmarked to design and print a travel map. The idea is to expand upon the Safe Spots postcard map. A draft of the travel map will be distributed to the Committee prior to publication.

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The Fairview Park Safe Routes to School Committee will work to encourage students and parents to walk and bike, provide increased access for pedestrians, and engage the community, all to create a safe environment for students to travel to and from school. We will strive to improve the health and well-being of our community and encourage lifelong healthy habits.

Hrubey presented a draft of a door hanger encouraging winter sidewalk shoveling created by Conklin (Attachment 2). Responses were very positive and supportive. A conversation followed about who would place the door hangers. It was recommended that a postcard be created instead of a door hanger, which can be mailed to homeowners. Hrubey and Shepard will review police data on shoveling complaints in close proximity to the schools. This data will be used to strategically target a mailer. Hrubey will price out the project. If possible, the postcard will be distributed citywide.

The Walking School Bus project is still in process. Hrubey sent off the paper survey responses to ODOT and in turn received a radius map of homeowners interested in the program relative to Gilles-Sweet Elementary School (Attachment 3). The next step is sending out program information to the survey respondents who expressed interest. Minek suggested we use the existing ward boundaries to break up the city into smaller, more manageable areas.

Hrubey will check in with Stuart Survance for a status update on planning for the Bike Challenge in May.

### **2016 Ohio Department of Transportation Safe Routes to School (ODOT SRTS) Grant**

Hrubey recommended that the Committee forego the 2016 ODOT SRTS grant cycle. He expressed a lack of confidence in having adequate time to update the School Travel Plan and meet the grant deadline. He suggested waiting until the 2017 grant cycle to apply for more funds. Waiting a year will provide sufficient time to update the School Travel Plan properly. In addition, the current grants will be closed and the Fairview Park City Schools' strategic and action planning processes will be complete. Furthermore, the U.S. Congress recently approved a transportation funding bill that secured Safe Routes to School funding for the next five years. All Committee members in attendance agreed to forego the 2016 grant cycle.

### **Miscellaneous**

To ensure the sustainability of the Safe Routes to School program, Hrubey suggested integrating the tenets of Safe Routes to School into school curriculum. Brady was supportive of this idea and will speak with the physical education teacher at Gilles-Sweet Elementary. Conklin reported Euclid is currently undergoing such an initiative. Hrubey will touch base with the Euclid Safe Routes to School group to find out how they are implementing such a process.

Hrubey made a general comment about wanting the Committee to become more active at Mayer Middle School. All agreed.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm.

**Minutes approved: March 16, 2016**



Did you know?:

Shoveling sidewalks gives kids a safe space to walk or ride their bikes in the winter

Most communities have ordinances in place encouraging residents to shovel the snow

Facts about Safe Route to School:

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Physical activity makes our communities healthier.

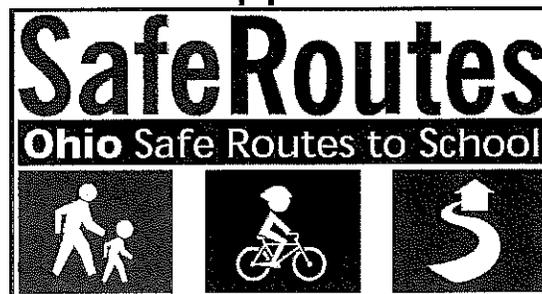
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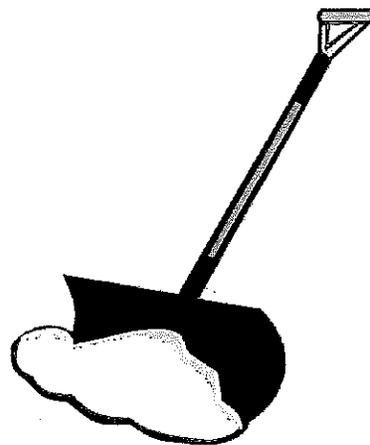
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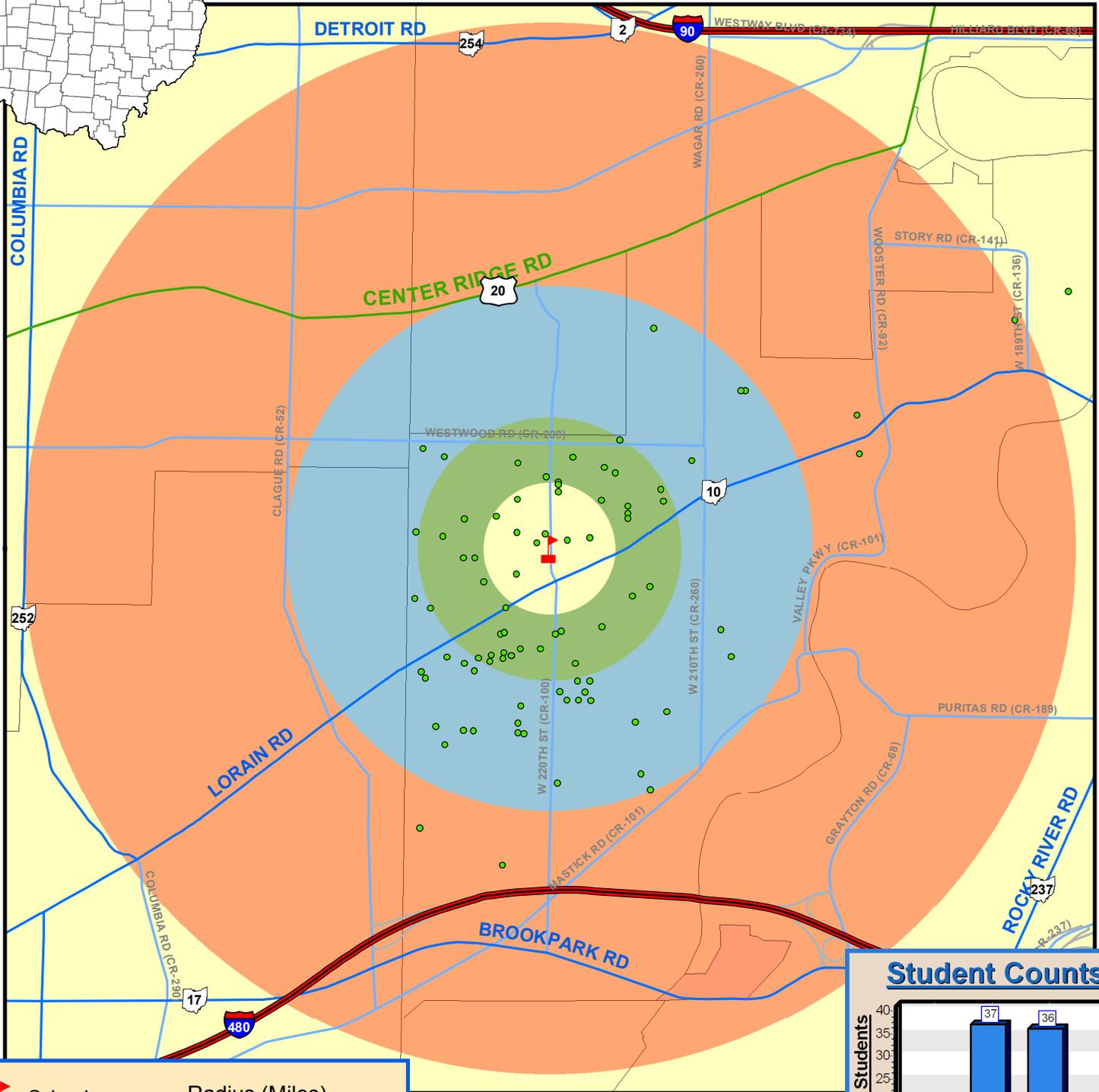
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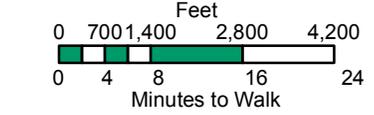
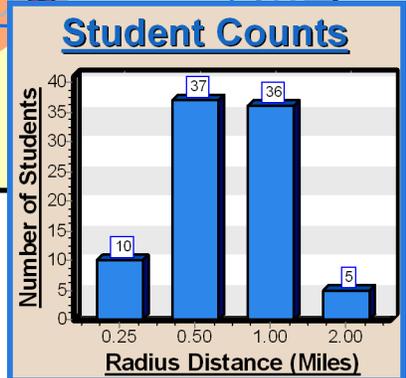
ATTACHMENT 3

4320 W 220 St, Fairview Park, OH 44126



School	<b>Radius (Miles)</b>
Students	0.25
<b>TRANS ROUT</b>	0.5
IR	1.0
US	2.0
SR	City Boundary
RA	County Boundary
County Roads	State Boundary
Township Roads	

Total Enrollment = 89



Date: 11/9/2015

