

# Advocacy Meeting

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13 July 2022 / 6:30 - 8:00 PM / Zoom Meeting

## ATTENDEES

Dale Freeman, Steve Leiby, Art Slabosky, Dan Stockwell, Diana Twede, Jeanne Wright

## AGENDA

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 pm

### 2. Approval of Agenda

Steve Leiby made a motion to approve the agenda with Art Slabosky seconding. All were in favor and the motion carried.

### 3. Approval of June Minutes

Dan Stockwell made a motion to approve the agenda with Diana Twede seconding. All were in favor and the motion carried.

### 4. Delta Twp Corridor Improvement Authority (CIA) Update - Dan Stockwell

Dan provided a report regarding his presentation to Delta Township's CIA. Although he was invited to present to the CIA, the format was changed to a question/answer process orchestrated by the chair and some of the members. Nevertheless, Dan stressed the interests of cyclists for safe passage through the corridor and for bike parking at area businesses. He also reported that the CIA's activities have appeared to slow as the Delta Crossings development is stalled by lawsuits of the developer.

Dan also advocated for the extension of the East-West trail westward across I-69/I-96 to Delta Crossings either directly across or south along Canal Rd to Willow Highway across the freeway then north to the

development. Dan expressed his view that he could, on TCBA's behalf, help to make this happen by researching potential grant funding. Dan concluded by urging TCBA members to participate in [Delta Township's Parks Survey](#).

#### **5. Bike Parking Sample Letter - Diana Twede**

At the June meeting, Diana agreed to draft a sample letter for businesses regarding providing bike parking. She reported that she was not able to do so before this meeting, but would have it ready for review in August.

#### **6. "Michigan Left" aka "J Turns" on Business US-127 - Art Slabosky**

Art reported that he sent his letter to MDOT Director Paul Ajegba, outlining the problems of "J Turns" for cycling safety, on June 13th. He made the point that this issue was raised during Marsh Rd/Bus. I-69 planning/construction. He also made the point that all that MDOT needed to do was to keep some existing pavement for cyclist crossing, but instead MDOT ripped it out. Art also reported that he had cc'd the corresponding University Region's Media Representative Aaron Jenkins who told him to expect to hear back within a week per their protocols. He has yet to get a letter of response a month after his initial letter was sent.

#### **7. Future Meetings - Dale Freeman**

Dale told the group that next month's meeting would be at the Pumphouse. Diana Twede asked members to bring snacks to share next month as well as their beverage of choice. Dale agreed to look into whether/when the Advocacy Committee can resume meeting at the League of Michigan Bicyclists office. The group expressed their hopes that it would be soon.

#### **8. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm.

**Next Meeting - August 10, 2022**

**the Bailey Community Pumphouse, 368 Orchard St., East Lansing.  
Please bring a snack to share**