

Notes From the Chair June 19, 2019
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Scott and Robert will be attending our meeting on the 19th, but the future remains uncertain for the time remaining. Scott will serve on the Planning Commission until replaced, and it is up to that commission to decide when he will be replaced on the representative to the Transportation Commission, as well as who that person will be.

Robert is allowed 60 days after his term ends, if no successor is appointed, and so his attendance and participation in July is in doubt but unknown at this time.

In the end, I was reappointed to a three-year term. I do not know why my name was removed from the list of those who were originally being opposed. But I am grateful for the chance to continue to serve.

We now have four vacancies or expected vacancies to the Commission, for voting members. Two of those openings are designated representatives. This means quorum may become more important to watch, unless those spots are filled in the next few months, but certainly by August. Please let Kayla and I know if you will be unable to attend any meeting, and make every effort to attend especially if your absence will break quorum.

The FOIA requests that were mentioned at the last meeting were handled by the City Attorney, and we will have some information about this process at this meeting. The bottom line is that FOIA compliance is one more reason to copy Kayla on commission business correspondence. The city is well set up to handle FOIA requests and has a lot of experience doing so. As volunteers and mostly private citizens, we are not.

I attended the first meeting of the Community Advisory Committee for Ann Arbor's Transportation Plan Update. What stood out for me was the exceptional talent and broad range of interests assembled in the room. The conversations were creative and brought out new ideas and points I hadn't considered, as well as many ongoing concerns. But the people interested in and willing to work for transportation innovations for Ann Arbor is pretty amazing. It was a simple process of coming up with priorities and small group work to get some details down on paper. This will be an interesting process, and I encourage Commission members to look for public participation opportunities and be part of the process. Contact Eli, or subscribe for updates through the link on this page

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