

2/17/15

In attendance:

Ralf Montefusco (Committee Member)
Sam Handy (Committee Member)
Sandi Omanovic (Intern)
Karen Walton (CCTA)
Cleary Buckley (Committee Member)
Elaine Zimmerman (Committee Member)
Ned Holt (Building Inspector)
Shelly Waterman (Committee Member)
Maxwell Webster (AmeriCorp Member)

Opening announcements and Updates

Buckley expressed concerns over the **accessibility** to Burlington High School due to a few personal experiences. Buckley was happy to announce that an elevator is being installed into Edmunds school.

Montefusco announced that he will not be able to attend the next meeting due to a long awaited vacation. He also brought to attention that sidewalk repairs were announced but which sidewalks is up to question. He believes it will focus on the downtown core.

Montefusco requested Omanovic to send to the committee when the mall redevelopment workshops are scheduled for.

Waterman stated that she wished that the committee would submit a concern in unity to express concerns as a committee.

Webster proposed that the new AmeriCorp member hired to assist Nate Wildfire would be a helpful asset to the **accessibility** group's concerns over the mall redevelopment plans.

Karen Walton Head of CCTA:

Walton has had experience with para-transport but stated that this is the first time she has had to outsource para-transport. She asserted that all of the buses are ADA accessible though.

Buckly noticed that all the buses are high platform which makes it harder for senior-citizens to step in and out of the bus.

Walton rebutted and said that the low platforms are not as useful for the snow and that the buses have hydraulics, which allow it to raise and lower. She asserts that she has told her staff of drivers to consistently use the hydraulics for passengers.

Montefusco wished that buses would run more frequently and later. He also mentioned that there should be more buses at the shelters. He also presented the idea of an app that will inform passengers where the bus is and if it will be late.

Walton said she is working on getting an app. She said if she could she would have a bus running every 10 minutes but unfortunately CCTA doesn't have the funds to do that. Walton wishes tackle one subject at a time, instead of generalizing because, as she said, nothing happens quickly with transport.

Buckley stated that there is an identified need for bathrooms that are larger and have changing capabilities and that a transport hub would be an appropriate place for these bathrooms.

Holt said that the codes are actually the minimum standards and anything over and beyond is hard to request because without something to enforce it the developers are only required to do the minimum. Holt expressed that the board should develop something that's unique to keep it to our standard.

End time: 5:00pm

Committee on Accessibility
February 17, 4-6 pm
Room 12, City Hall

AGENDA

Introductions

Public Forum

CCTA Presentation, Karen Walton

Next Steps

Adjourn