

Mayor's Advisory Committee on Accessibility

January 19, 2016, 4:00 – 6:00 pm

City Hall, Conference Room 12

AGENDA

Introductions

Announcements

Committee Direction/Organization

Other Business

Adjourn

Accessibility Committee
Conference Room 12, City Hall
January 19, 2016

Draft MINUTES

Commenced at 4:05

Announcements

- John Killacky from the Flynn has been invited to speak about accessibility the 15th of March
- Dave Hartnett, City Council Member, will attend a future meeting

Committee Direction and Organizational Structure

- How impactful is the committee? Should it continue?
- Frustrated that the City gives the current chair's number out to people who ask about accessibility
- Current chair, Ralph, has stepped down
- This organization is needed to keep this issue hot in the minds of officials
- The agenda is hard to put together
 - It seems the public is not engaged
 - What is the direction? There needs to be a purpose and way forward
 - The agenda has been getting lighter and lighter
- Frustrated that there doesn't seem to be a lot of advising or that the Mayor hears the committee's voice
- Unsure of mission
- Looking for more support from the City government
 - A representative from the group to be a liaison to the City Council/ government
 - Or a City Council member to regularly attend meeting
 - Have not been consulted about the Town Center plans
- It would be more engaging for there to be a representative from every department
- Do not feel engaged in what is going on in the city
- Kesha was very involved all over the city and was helpful to networking
- Feels it should not be the Committee's job to get out there
 - Administrators should promote the committee
- Invite the Mayor to a meeting or make an appointment to meet with him personally
- Identify a specific issue and work to resolve it
 - The Mayor: "I need this committee because..."
 - Some guidance on what would be good for the committee to work on

- Without the Mayor's endorsement, the committee lacks credibility
- Meeting quarterly or seasonally instead of monthly
 - Every third month?
 - To be discussed at next meeting
- Who gives the committee input?
- No broad publicity that the committee even exists
- It has been helpful to the Parks and Rec Department to hear this voice they otherwise might not hear
- How is the committee going to support change to go above and beyond minimum code regulation?
 - Adult changing tables
 - Every project needs to address the ADA
- Have a discussion with Marcy and Brian Low about the transition from Kesha leaving – AmeriCorp Tom
 - Follow-up needs to happen
 - March meeting
 - Who will be staffing the meetings
- Figure out target audience for promotion of meetings
- Advocate more strongly rather than rely on a CEDO member to report back to the City
- Make a list of action items to send out
- Discussion of what the chair head does
- Talk to the police about accessible parking concerns
- Motion to send a petition to the Mayor about enforcing handicapped parking for all accessible parking
 - Motion Amended: Send a communication to the Mayor (see attached document)
 - Send a letter of recommendation/ request
 - Start engaging the Mayor more
- Would prefer CEDO to write the new agenda
 - Everybody on the committee needs to be solicited to contribute to the agenda
- Put a notice on the Front Porch Forum to alert people of meetings
- Rotating the responsibilities of the Chair
- Volunteerism is down across the board
- Next meeting in March 15th

Adjourned at 5:38 pm

Minutes submitted by Danielle Mund, Interim Community Engagement Specialist

Dear Mayor Weinberger,

Given feedback from the community, we respectfully recommend that you instruct the police department to greatly enhance enforcement of local and state laws regarding accessible parking spaces in both public and private lots.

Respectfully,

The Accessibility Advisory Committee