

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

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