

Mayor's Advisory Committee On Accessibility
June 16, 4:00-6:00 pm
City Hall, Room 12

MINUTES

Members Present: Ron Redmond, Sam Handy, Ralph Montefusco, Shelly Waterman, Michael Watson, Elaine Zimmerman, Ned Holt, Emma Allen (current Parks designee)

Members Absent: Ben Johnson, Cleary Buckley

Others Present: Kesha Ram, Sandi Omanovic, Nate Besio, Mike Charron

The meeting commenced at 4:10 pm.

Public Forum and Introductions

The meeting started with announcements and updates from the committee. Waterman made a point about attending the Discover Jazz event and found that parking at the waterfront had limited accessibility. This opened a small conversation about finding a way to get back in touch with Discover Jazz and send them a review of their event.

Vermont Center for Independent Living, Mike Charron

Mike Charron from the Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) gave a short presentation about VCIL and what they do. He also explained to the committee its role and in what ways VCIL can support the committee. Mike explained that the Mayor's Committee on Accessibility was formed under Title II, which allows it to advise on accessibility issues around the services and programs provided by the City of Burlington. Title III issues, dealing with businesses, are not the responsibility of the committee but if the committee is approached by a business then they may refer them to VCIL.

After a short discussion on VCIL, Mike opened the floor to questions from the committee. Shelly asked about accessible parking placard registration and to what degree the committee can help ensure that the accessible parking placards remain within the possession of those that need it and are not misused.

ADA 25th Anniversary Event

The committee then moved to discussion of the 25th anniversary of the signing of the ADA. The committee had already divided up duties and used the remaining time to check in. Sam gave an update on food arrangements. Emma reported that parking for the event is free for anyone with an accessible placard and a walk-through of the venue was planned.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.