

Mayor's Advisory Committee On Accessibility  
August 18, 4:00-6:00 pm  
Church Street & Cherry Street Transit Station

## **MINUTES**

Members Present: Ron Redmond, Sam Handy, Ralph Montefusco, Shelly Waterman, Michael Watson, Elaine Zimmerman, Cleary Buckley, Emma Allen

Members Absent: Ben Johnson

Others Present: Kesha Ram, Nate Besio, Damian Roy, Jordan Posner, Councilor Tom Ayres, Jenny Morse

The meeting commenced at 4:00 pm.

### **Introductions**

Introductions were made before the mobile tour of Church Street and the Cherry Street Transit Center.

### **Mobile Tour, Church Street Marketplace**

Ron Redmond led the committee and others present on a mobile tour of the Church Street Marketplace (CSM). He estimates that the CSM sees approximately 17,000 to 20,000 visitors on a busy day based on tracking data. He asked committee members to note deviances and impediments to the rules governing the spacing of right of ways. The committee noted several areas where signage, built infrastructure, and restaurant entrances present encumbrances. Ron noted that some of those impediments are being discussed with stakeholders for long-term solutions.

### **Mobile Tour, Cherry Street Transit Station**

Damian Roy from DPW led a discussion of the relocation of three accessible parking spots from St. Paul Street and lower Cherry Street to:

- Two spots on the block of Cherry Street between Church Street and St. Paul
- One spot on Pearl Street between Church Street and St. Paul

The committee reviewed the proposed Cherry Street spots and expressed support for the general relocation. They did note, however, that bike rings and other infrastructure

created impediments for safe and convenient unloading. They also expressed desire to see the spots moved east slightly so that at least one spot could take advantage of the existing curb cut. The committee members did not feel the need to view the Pearl Street spot but noted that the general principles of removing impediments on the curbside be followed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.