

COLUMBIA DISABILITIES COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, March 12, 2015
Board Meeting Room, Chamber of Commerce Building, 300 S. Providence Rd.

1. Called to order by Chair, Chuck Graham, at 3:07 p.m.
2. Introductions:
Members: Christy Brookins, Chuck Graham, Marcie Luebbert, Rene Powell, Kristen Richards, Kathleen Weinschenk, Dovie Weston and Dawn Zeterberg.

Excused Absence: Mike Peplow and Sean Spence.

Unexcused Absence: Hazel Fields and Cory McMahon.

Staff: Adam Kruse - City Law.

Members of the public were present.
3. Adjustments to Agenda:
Ms. Richard: Old business – add roll carts under ADA25.
Ms. Weinschenk: Add True/False Festival.
Ms. Luebbert: Add sidewalk.
4. Review and Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:
Ms. Weston made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 12, 2015 meeting. Ms. Powell seconded the motion. All in favor; motion approved.
5. Old Business:
 - a. Staff Updates:
 - i. ARC Hot Tub Lift: Mr. Kruse received an email from Gabe. They received 3 bids for a lift. One came back that might work. Gabe will have a meeting to discuss the bids and will let Mr. Kruse know what the recommendation is early next week.
 - ii. Downtown Accessible Parking: Mr. Kruse said this is going in front of the City Council for a hearing on April 20, 2015. They are moving forward as if they are going ahead with the current plan with construction taking place this summer.
 - iii. Audible Pedestrian Signals: Mr. Kruse said Public Works informed him that construction is to be completed by the end of this summer with signals at the intersections of: College and Broadway, Providence and Stewart, Providence and Business Loop, and Old 63 and Broadway. If they have money left over, a fifth will be installed at College and Ash.
 - iv. Bus Shelters: Mr. Kruse said there will be shelters placed at the MU Health Clinic South, 2 stops at Daniel Boone Regional Library one on either side of Broadway, Garth and Worley, and Oak Towers (Garth and Sexton). They will be completed in 2016 with CDBG funds.

v. Pedestrian Vests: Mr. Kruse said they bought 25 vests to distribute pedestrians through GetAbout Columbia. Mr. Kruse is waiting to hear back from GetAbout Columbia to see if they are out. Mr. Kruse will email Mr. Graham the budget so they can discuss if they would like to purchase more vests for distribution.

b. Web Portal for Disability Related Services: No update.

c. ADA25: Mr. Graham said that the Commission is one of the co-sponsors of the ADA25 bus tour. On March 30, 2015 it will be in Columbia. It will be at the ARC from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. In the afternoon it will be at the Speaker's Circle on campus. The following day it will be at the Capitol in Jefferson City.

d. Roll Carts: Ms. Richards brought up her concerns about roll carts. She said that her neighborhood was part of the experimental plastic box project. After the trash collection, she took pictures of the plastic boxes left on the sidewalk by city employees. Mr. Graham said that is a training issue for city staff so these are not being left on the sidewalk.

Ms. Richards made a motion to send a letter of their concerns to Public Works with her photos attached to indicate that what they were told in theory is not happening in practice. Mr. Graham seconded the motion. All in favor; motion approved.

6. New Business:

a. Online Reporting – Accessible Parking Violations: Mr. Graham would like to hold some sort of public forum and training on how to use the website, how to take photos, and how to send them in. Mr. Graham would like to work with the CPD on presenting this to the public.

b. True/False Film Festival: Ms. Zeterberg tried to go to a film and could not get in to the venue being used. It was hosted at Odd Fellows Lodge and there is no elevator.

Ms. Zeterberg made a motion to send a letter of concern with using the space above Stuart Insurance Agency as a venue for the True/False film festival. Mr. Graham seconded the motion. All in favor; motion approved.

c. Bus Stop Issue: Cars continue to park at metered spaces at the corner of 5th and Walnut, blocking the bus stop. Mr. Kruse will contact Transit to let them know that metered parking spots are preventing the bus from stopping at the bus stop in that area.

d. Future Agenda Topics:

i. Diversity: Ms. Powell would like to increase diversity for attendance at meetings. She would like to suggest encouraging attendance and recruit for membership. Ms. Powell would like to find out the race of applicants to ensure voices of various races are being heard at the meetings. Mr. Graham said the desire for a more diverse group has been expressed to the mayor in the past. Mr. Kruse said he does not believe the council knows the race during the appointment of new members. Ms. Weston said that in the past, members have recruited individuals and encouraged them to apply that they feel would be good on the Commission.

Mr. Graham asked the Chair of the Human Rights Commission, Mr. Dean, if he could discuss it at their next meeting. Mr. Kruse said the reason race is not asked on the volunteer

application is because if they are denied, they can claim it was due to race or a protected category. Mr. Graham asked Mr. Kruse to do some research as to why it is not on the Board and Commission application for the City.

ii. Attendance: Excused/unexcused absences.

iii. Disability Commission Brochures: Ms. Weston said there was a brochure or flyer that the City developed. Mr. Kruse will check with Margrace to see if she still has a copy of the brochure from several years ago.

Ms. Weston made a motion to print an information brochure using funds from the Disability Commission budget. Mr. Graham seconds the motion. All in favor; motion approved.

7. Public Transit Advisory Commission Update: Ms. Zeterberg said the council will hire a consultant to make sure they are doing everything right.

8. Public Comment:

a. Questions about ADA 25: Clarification of locations of the touring bus.

Mr. Graham said that Heather at Services for Independent Living can provide further information. Her phone number is 573-874-1646.

b. Audible Pedestrian Signals: Clarification of location of the new signals being installed.

c. Bus shelters: Clarification of the location of the new bus shelters being placed.

9. Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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