

COLUMBIA DISABILITIES COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, July 9, 2015
Board Meeting Room, Chamber of Commerce Building, 300 S. Providence Rd.

1. Called to order by Chair, Chuck Graham, at 3:04 p.m.
2. Introductions:
Members: Christy Brookins, Ann Marie Gortmaker, Chuck Graham, Marcie Luebbert, Mike Peplow, Rene Powell, Kirsten Richards, Julie Walden, Dovie Weston, and Dawn Zeterberg.

Excused Absence: Gretchen Maune.

Unexcused Absence: Hazel Fields.

Staff: Adam Kruse - City Law.

Members of the public were present.
3. Adjustments to Agenda:
No adjustments to the agenda.
4. Review and Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:
Ms. Richards makes a motion to approve the April 9, 2015 and the May 14, 2015 meeting minutes. Ms. Brookins seconds the motion. All in favor; motion approved.
5. Old Business:
 - a. Staff Updates:
 - i. ARC Hot Tub Lift: Mr. Graham provided an update and history of this topic. Mr. Kruse said according to the last thing he heard, the lift will be installed in August.
 - ii. Community Accessibility: Mr. Kruse said that he drafted an informal letter to private businesses regarding accessibility issues. He provided copies of the letter for review.

Scott Dean, chair of the Human Rights Commission, answered questions and clarified the process of filing discrimination complaints with that commission. Mr. Kruse also talked about the process of filing a complaint with the Human Rights Commission.
 - b. ADA25: Mr. Graham said they are a part of the ADA25 events happening on July 26 at Orr Street Studios starting at 11 a.m.

Mr. Peplow made a motion to request that para-transit be available for the ADA25 event on July 26. Ms. Luebbert seconded the motion. All in favor; motion approved.
 - c. 2015 Parks Sales Tax: Ms. Luebbert made a motion to support the extension of the Parks Sales Tax. Ms. Powell seconded the motion. All in favor; motion approved.

d. Taxis, Uber Housing Shuttle Services – Accessibility: Mr. Graham provided an overview. Mr. Graham said if you use a wheelchair, there are a lot of people who can't get around after para-transit shuts down in the evenings and on Sundays. One solution would be to have wheelchair accessible cabs. Mr. Graham would like to come up with a solution to this issue in Columbia.

Mr. Peplow spoke with several entities about this issue such as taxi services and United Access. He said there is a process by which you can purchase a used, accessible vehicle for a reduced price in exchange for advertising.

Ms. Luebbert talked about E-Z Go as another option for someone to approach with ideas.

Mr. Graham suggested coming up with a grant process for those who want to participate. This would make incentives for businesses to participate.

6. New Business:

a. Outdoor Matting: Mr. Graham said in talking with the Parks and Rec personnel, they mentioned different types of matting material that can be put down to make areas more accessible. They discussed how it would be helpful for the city to be able to have matting available for any type of event to make it more accessible.

Mr. Graham made a motion to request that the city appropriate an amount of matting to help with some events in parks by making them more accessible. Mr. Peplow seconded the motion. All in favor; motion approved.

b. Future Agenda Topics:

Ms. Luebbert – Sidewalks

Mr. Graham – Municipal court fees and website for people with disabilities.

Ms. Weston – Bike trail, pamphlets, information on ADA local resource guide, and a member from the county for input in Commission.

Ms. Gortmaker – Medical equipment recycling and the 35th anniversary of SIL.

7. Human Rights Commission Update: No update.

8. Public Transit Advisory Commission Update: No update.

9. Public Comment:

None.

10. Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Graham
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