May 26, 2016 CACDI meeting notes

Attendees:
Kay Grier
Rajai Saleh
Karen Kostelak
Jerry Cooper
Dawn Caldwell
Alex Caldwell
Katie Frederick
Tiffany McClain
Paul Walker
Tricia Kovacs
April Williams
Jay Fabuzi

Karen called the meeting to order and stated next year’s May meeting will take place elsewhere given the Asian Festival is happening. A motion was made by Tricia and seconded by Paul to approve the April 28 meeting notes; the motion carried.

Karen stated Mary Hiland has resigned from the committee via email this week; her term ends in September. Speakers for future meetings were discussed, suggestions include: city council members, public service official to talk about improvement projects, Katie will follow up about getting someone from the airport to speak about updates. Karen shared her experience meeting with the Secretary of Transportation Fox concerning the Smart City grant Columbus is applying for. If Columbus receives the
Smart City Grant, more money is going to be available for the city. Karen reminded us the June meeting will take place at the State Library.

Kay Grier sent Nancy Sully pictures of a parking meter in the middle of the sidewalk; she thinks the meter has been moved, but may still be in the pedestrian path. Karen shared her experience with an inaccessible restroom at the new Franklin County Courthouse. Paul expressed frustration about lack of access when it comes to construction and architecture.

The June meeting will happen on June 23 at the State Library and see if Council Member Shannon can make it to the next meeting. Tricia will send the list of members so we can see where we stand in terms of recruitment. Karen explained to become a member send a resume to Rick Isabel, who will send it to the Mayor and then membership will get approved by City Council.

Tricia attended a community meeting of City Council; Tricia mentioned our committee to the meeting. There is a new department being established called the Department of Neighborhoods. There was then a brief discussion about a proposed special election for Columbus City Council to move from an at-large structure to a ward structure. Tricia’s hearing if there’s enough voice to keep a traffic signal it can be kept, even if a law’s been passed.

More future speakers were suggested such as: near east commission in August and someone from the airport in September. Karen will ask Fran Ryan about speaking in June. Jay Fabuzzi suggested inviting the Columbus Police Department about enforcing accessible parking issues.

Rajai mentioned the Home Choice Conference will take place November 1 at the
Hilton downtown. Rajai brought a friend, Rebecca Paton, who works at OSU who wants to start a group for people with physical disabilities.

Kay Grier is going to send an email about organization’s to have a table with a healthcare organizations at the Ohio State Fair.

Dawn brought an issue to the committee about inaccessible ramps for driveways. When she spoke to the city of Columbus, the property owners are responsible for the ramps, not the city. The entrance at Kroger is going to get fixed; the contractor agreed to redo the work.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM.