



Columbus Advisory Committee on Disability Issues

Minutes of Meeting March 23, 2017

Attendees: Katie Frederick

Bob Roehm
Deb Wood
Tricia Kovacs
Jay Favuzzi
David Cameron
gerri Cooper
Bill Stepp
Nick Popa
Elizabeth Sammons
Karen Kostelac

The meeting began by a presentation from Columbus Councilman Michael Stinziano. He informed the group he holds weekly meetings where citizens can meet with him to discuss concerns they are having. The issue of the Columbus ADA Coordinator position remaining vacant was brought up, and Stinziano encouraged the committee to reach out to the mayor's office about filling the position. Councilman Stinziano encouraged CACDI members to reach out to him with further concerns impacting Columbus and individuals with disabilities.

Bill Stepp spoke a little about the upcoming COTA redesign happening May 1. He will send out a brochure about the transit redesign following the meeting, but folks can call (614) 308-4400 or email tsr@cota.com for more information. Karen mentioned the disaster preparedness exercise taking place in April; she's participating in the event. Karen also mentioned there may be some opportunities to serve as a patient to help train OSU med students how to better work with people with disabilities. A training is taking place May 3 in the afternoon for the next round of patient training.

Tricia brought up concerns about disability access with the new C-Max stations; specifically concerning space between obstacles and curb cuts.