

COLUMBUS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY ISSUES

Minutes of the meeting February 22, 2018
at Idea Foundry, 421 W. State St., Columbus Ohio

ATTENDANCE

Vicky Prahin
Zane Jones
Elizabeth Sammons
April Williams
Nick Popa
Sue Willis
Bob Roehm
Pam Makowski
Katie White
Paul Walker
Katie White
Nancy Sully
Karen Kostelac
Tricia Kovacs
David Cameron
Mandy Bishop

Chair Tricia Kovacs called the meeting to order at 1:05 at the Idea Foundry, a place “where anyone can explore their urge to make things.” After a brief tour of the Foundry’s 60,000 square feet of workshops, offices, working nooks, classrooms, and communal spaces, we gathered in a meeting room where Tricia introduced our presenter, Mandy Bishop.

SMART COLUMBUS. Mandy is the program manager for the research demonstration grant called Smart Columbus, which was awarded to Columbus in competition with 77 cities. It’s primary focus is IT—Intelligent Transportation.

Smart Columbus’s seed funding is a \$40 million Ohio DOT grant and a \$10 million grant from the Paul Allen Family Foundation which along with funds from AEP, Honda, the State of Ohio, the City of Columbus, the Ohio State University, and COTA is expected to approach \$1 billion by 2020.

Mandy's talk was dense with information and not fully summarized here because the requested PowerPoint slides did not arrive. Instead, refer to the very "smart" booklet she provided us titled "Smart Columbus—We Are Smart Columbus" or go to www.columbus.gov/smartcolumbus for more information.

JANUARY MINUTES. Karen moved to accept the minutes as written (second Paul). *APPROVED.*

NEW BUSINESS. Katie White, Director of Age-Friendly Columbus, joined us today. She reported that AFC, which originated at MORPC, has recently come under OSU's College of Social Work and is located at Blackburn Community Center, 263 Carpenter St., in Olde Towne East. (I think) She invited us to come visit and hold one of our meetings there.

Pam was profuse in praise of COTA services, especially after her recent experience in San Francisco.

Paul Walker demonstrated his Aira "glasses" that incorporate a miniature camera connected to an app on his smart phone. Through this, a remote Aira agent can see whatever is around the wearer and deliver detailed descriptions, even down to relaying what is written on a white board on a wall across a meeting room. It is a fairly expensive subscription service, but quite impressive, nonetheless.

Zane reported that he has contracted with the Center for Disability Empowerment to survey eight city locations by the end of July. Also, he recently attended a design charette at OSU's Knowlton School of Architecture on autism and ADA requirements. (Charette is an intense period of work, often by a group, to address and develop solutions to a specific design problem.) Results are pending.

ADJOURNMENT. David moved to adjourn at 3:08.

Submitted by:
David Cameron, Co-Secretary