

Minutes of the Meeting - January 23, 2014

Members Present: Mary Hiland, Karen Kostelac, Wayne Cocchi, Dave Cameron, Enjie Hall, Cynthia Macintosh, Ann Christopher, Elizabeth Sammons, Jennifer Flynn, Patricia Kovacs, Tiffany McClain, Elizabeth Sammons, Sue Willis, Kay Grier, Ann Christopher, Marlene Stewart

Members Absent: Brent Simonds, Scott Lissner, Rae Nutter, Ann Gazelle, Rajai Saleh, Kathy Blair

Staff: Rick Isbell, Columbus ADA Coordinator

Ex-officio: Carrie Fortman (City of Columbus), James O'Neil (COTA), Justin Henderson (COTA),

Guests: Ohio Rep. Mike Stinziano, Geoff Collver and Fred Gitts of Disability Rights Ohio, Paul Walker, Katie Frederick, Anne parsons, Lynn Geiser, Geri Cooper, Tamika Jones, Nate Shipman

Mary Hiland called the meeting to order at 1:05.

Member introductions.

Guest Speaker. Ohio Rep. Mike Stinziano.

Rep. Stinziano spoke to us on his reasons for developing HB 333 as well as why he is seeking support for it. Committee members asked a number of questions including how the bills will have negative effects for people with disabilities, and who would actually benefit as well as making some recommendations to adjust the language or ways businesses could solve access issues. Rep. Stinziano said a meeting of interested parties was to take place soon to further discuss the bills language and any recommendations for change.

Guest Speakers. Geoff Collver and Fred Gitts of Disability Rights Ohio. Geoff and Fred spoke to us of their reasons for supporting opposition to HB 333. Committee members also asked questions to help clarify what this bill would mean for people with disabilities.

Old Business.

Membership - Marsha Moore will be joining our next meeting as a representative of the deaf community in Columbus. people also made recommendations of other groups that we might see representatives for. At this time though we will only need one more new member to make the required 21.

Meeting Venues - A listing of all meeting dates and locations was sent to all committee members. Our meetings for February, March, April and May will take place at the Museum of Art. The remaining meetings from July - December will then resume at the State Library location.

Letter to City Council - Wayne mentioned that Eileen Paley has been taken off the committee she chaired that recommended funding for curb ramps. It was noted that Troy Miller now chairs that committee. We will write a letter to Council Member Miller to request his support for continued funding, as well as a thank you letter to Council Member Paley to thank her for her past and continued support of this initiative.

APS with Radial Ramps - APS is installed only at locations where it was requested by a constituent, new construction and high traffic areas. In addition radial ramps are being installed on High Street where repaving work is occurring (from Chestnut St. to State St.)

Facebook and Website status - The city is currently working on updating these.

Topics for future meetings -

Columbus Public Health

Columbus Fire Dept emergency procedures for pwd

Columbus International Airport re: services for pwd

Home Choice program...Leslie Sawyer ... Raja will contact for April/May

February 2014 Meeting - Columbus Public Health, speaker TBA.

COTA.

Jim O'Neil introduced Justin Henderson who will be the new liaison to CACDI from COTA.

New Business.

Announcements.

Individual Concerns.

Adjournment. Meeting was adjourned at 3:05.

Next Meeting. February 27, 2014 at the Columbus Museum of Art

Minutes Submitted by: Wayne Cocchi