



Columbus Advisory Committee on Disability Issues

Minutes of the meeting on April 23, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Hiland - Chair, Karen Kostelac - Vice-Chair, Wayne Cocchi - Secretary, Kay Grier, Tricia Kovacs, Kathy Blair, Tiffany McClain, Marlene Stewart, Dave Cameron, Enjie Hall, Ann Christopher

PROVISIONAL MEMBERS PRESENT: Ann Gazelle, Paul Walker, Katie Frederick

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jennifer Flynn, Sue Willis

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Rajai's Saleh, Scott Lissner

STAFF: Rick Isbell

GUESTS: Randy Ketchum, (Clintonville Area Commission), James Christian, Carlee Christian, April Williams (COTA), Justin henderson (COTA),

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS. Mary Hiland, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00

APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Kay moved, Karen seconded. Minutes approved.

GUEST SPEAKER. Ann Gazelle introduced today's speaker, Randy Ketchum, Clintonville Area Commissioner for District 6.

Randy was the past public relations director for Children's Hospital for 25 years.

He explained how the commissions began. They were chartered in the Columbus Municipal Code (Chapter 3109, see this link for more detailed information:

https://www.municode.com/library/oh/columbus/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TIT31PLHIPRCO_CH3109ARCOPRES).

Area Commissions are established throughout Columbus as a local way to help citizens who have issues, address community needs/issues, and work through city government. Clintonville's Area Commission was founded in 1974. Chapter 3109 of the municipal code developed 17 commissions. There can be no less than 7 or no more than 21 members per commission. Commissioner terms are volunteer and are 3 or 4 years. Clintonville is broken into 9 geographical districts with members commission members representing each district. Some duties of the commissions include planning and policies for future development in the area. Commissions have a zoning and variance committee as well as a planning and development committee. They also address issues such as business development, parking needs, traffic issues, preserving historic significance of buildings in their areas, and take citizen's concerns/complaints and bring them to the city. All area commission meetings are open to the public. They also help with issues that people with disabilities might have if the person brings it to the commission, ie general access, travel access, obstructions on sidewalks, etc. The commission will work with the land owner or the city to take care of it.

Kay asked if there is strong area cooperation between associations in Clintonville. Randy said that yes, they are very supportive of each other.

OLD BUSINESS.

1. Membership Update - Wayne reviewed the current listing of members, that was included in the March minutes, and their terms that he put together. He will share this with Rick Isbell as well as Keisha Jenkins at the Mayor's office. Elizabeth Sammons has been approved by her agency to attend our meetings again, so she will stay on as a member.

2. Franklinton Housing - Scott is still waiting to hear from someone to advise on the lack of access features in new housing builds in that area.

3. ADA celebration July 23 - Activities include: sponsoring a 250-500 word essay contest for ages 17 and below and 18 and over. Scott sent an email blast about it. \$250 prize. Topic is Disability Rights are Civil Rights. Winning essays will be read on VOICEcorps and hopefully included in one or more of the local media resources.

The committee is adding new events to the program and looking for sponsorships to support programming.

Planning a reception on July 22nd at CSCC in their ballroom, 5:00-9:00pm. Hoping to decorate for the reception using older pictures, technologies, etc. Contact. Tiffany McClain (tmccclain@csccl.edu). Looking to also park the access bus at CSCC.

Flyer has been developed for save the date and should be available soon. Web site is up with a lot of information (<http://www.ada25columbus.com>).

There will be an exhibit area and they are currently looking for vendors to exhibit at the even on the 23rd. Katie is taking names for vendors. The cost for a table is \$25 for non profit and \$50 for profit.

Announcements will also be displayed on screens a the Columbus Commons and the broad/high screens.

Contact Kay if you wold like to volunteer at the reception at CSCC on the 22, or on the 23rd between 11-2 at the Columbus Commons.

There is a concert at 6:00PM the night of the 23rd at the Commons as well.

4. Invitation to Ginther - Rick sent an invite. Ginther will hope to be at our May meeting.

5. CACDI Website Update - No update, though meeting minutes are posted.

6. Rick/ADA Coordinator training - Rick is currently taking classes for ADA Coordinator training. Last meeting he attended, conducted by ODOT, with Jim Christian, was on transition action planning for the city on access issues.

7. Karen - Mentioned that the Red Zone bar has closed. She has talked about issues with this location before and water pouring out on the sidewalk and street. Pipe that was leaking was reconnected and now it is disconnected again.

NEW BUSINESS.

1. Future Speakers - May 28th, director of Communications at Red Cross about their transportation system.

City Council President Ginther. Rick is working on seeing if he can have him join us at our May meeting.

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Invite more Area Commission representatives. Tricia said she will contact some.

2. Karen out for May meeting.

COTA. Service change coming up in May for pickup times window, public comments taking place now for that. Looking to support the ADA celebration. Cbus has been extended free for another year until april 2016. No info on end date for ADA card free rides which began in January 2015. For fixed route. They will let us know when it may expire. Starting a pilot program for 5 businesses downtown and providing bus cards for free rides to and from work.

Mary asked about Mainstream riders and if a driver is over 20 minutes late. It was noted that riders can call the "where's my ride" number to find out where the bus is.

The "where's my ride" numbers are 614-272-3007 or 614-272-3008. To make a reservation for a ride call 614-272-3003.

INDIVIDUAL CONCERNS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Ann Christopher - Sidewalk access issues in front of the businesses at Olentangy Plaza shopping area, including those that serve alcohol and have outside seating. Seems like the required space for walking on the sidewalk, especially those using wheelchairs, is not up to code.

Kay - Reminded us about the Tech conference, exhibit hall, speakers, and there are funds available for people with disabilities to get registration paid for, and hotel room (for those living outside a specified mile range).

ADJOURNMENT AND REMINDER OF NEXT MEETING. Meeting was adjourned at 2:40.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES IN VENUE FOR THE REMAINDER OF OUR 2015 MEETINGS:

May 28	Franklin Park Indoor Adventure Center (1747 E. Broad Street)
June 25	State Library of Ohio
July 23	No Meeting - ADA 25th Anniversary Celebration - CACDI booth
August 27	Franklin Park Indoor Adventure Center
September 24	Franklin Park Indoor Adventure Center
October 22	Franklin Park Indoor Adventure Center
November	NO MEETING
December 3	Franklin Park Adventure Center