



Columbus Advisory Committee on Disability Issues
Minutes of the Meeting on January 22, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Hiland, Wayne Cocchi, Karen Kostelac, Tricia Kovacs, Kay Grier, Marlene Stewart, Jennifer Flynn, Scott Lissner,

PROVISIONAL MEMBERS: Ann Gazelle, Katie Frederick

STAFF: Rick Isbell

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Dave Cameron, Enjie Hall, Tiffany McClain, Kathy Blair, Rajai Saleh, Ann Christopher

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cynthia McIntosh, Sue Willis

GUESTS: Hassan Zahran, Steven Wasosky, James Christian, Trent Smith, Geri Cooper

CALL TO ORDER. Chair Mary Hiland called the meeting to order at 1:00
Introduction of members/guests in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Karen Moved and Marlene Seconded. Minutes approved.

GUEST SPEAKERS 1. City of Columbus Department of Public Services, Division of Design and Construction
Hassan Zahran, City Engineer and Administrator, and Steve Wasosky, Construction and Sub Section Manager

Mr. Zahran and Mr. Wasosky discussed the City of Columbus design policy document and the current review of the document that will result in an updated version. It includes ADA requirements that will help the city meet federal guidelines, i.e., curb ramps, sidewalks, how they are designed, they will take into account all they have learned to make some changes to the design policy, and rules and regulations, to address all ADA issues and make them more cost effective and more useable for the city engineers, designers, consultants, contractors, etc. Their goal is to provide the most amount of access with the dollars available. A Steering Committee has been developed as well as a user group, to help build on what the policy already has and make it more clear. They want to make it more uniform around the city for engineers, new technologies, hierarchy of ADA documents, reach out to ODOT, and look at other cities/states and benchmark with them. They also look at pedestrian accessible routes, parking, ramps, transitions to existing areas, intersection design, etc. The policy, rules and regulations also covers right of ways.

We know there are exceptions in the older areas of the city and the way they were designed and built years ago before the ADA. Of course the goal is to be 100% compliant in Columbus. Other municipalities around Columbus also use our standards for their communities.

Tricia mentioned the removal of traffic signals and concern for pedestrians crossing this roads that are affected. Hassan mentioned there are many criteria they need to meet, and conduct studies to collect data, when looking at pedestrian/traffic patterns and deciding to remove a signal. He asked for specific locations from the committee and they will be looked at. Some members did provide some locations they had concerns about.

They will meet with us again once they have a final draft of the policy and share any changes with our committee.

GUEST SPEAKER 2. Trent Smith, Exec. Dir., Franklinton Board of Trade.

The Board of Trade, established in 1904, helps to make the Franklinton neighborhood attractive for businesses that want to move there. They provide incentives for businesses as well as networking events for business and neighbors to meet each other. Trent has worked closely with CACDI member Jennifer Flynn on the Franklinton Commission. Franklinton boundaries are the Scioto river, and west to where I-70 crosses over Broad, and north to McKinley Ave, then south to Mound/Greenlawn Avenues. He provided, and reviewed some of the information, from a brochure they hand out entitled "Where Columbus Began" which included a print map of the area as well as facts on Franklinton that was developed by the Neighborhood Design Center. (Note from Wayne: I could not find the document online to provide a link.) Jennifer did mention that more housing has been built in Franklinton, but only a few are built with access features and there seems to be no intention to build any more accessible housing.

More information can be found at the web site (www.franklintonboardoftradr.org) for the Franklinton Board of Trade. They also have a Facebook page.

OLD BUSINESS.

Discussion took place on the August meeting and if we should hold one due to many folks being out last August. It was mentioned at our last meeting that we might have to change the by-laws for that. Consensus was that It will be left to the chair to determine if a meeting needs to be cancelled and no change is necessary to the bylaws.

Discussion also took place on the terms of service for members. It was decided to keep them at 2 3 year terms with one year off after two terms before one could reapply to be on the committee. Wayne reviewed the current members term expiration dates. We will continue to work with Rick to provide a correct version of current members as some provisional members are still waiting on an appointment letter.

ADA 25th anniversary celebration committee. They have secured the Columbus Commons for the celebration on July 23rd as well as the traveling ADA bus for that day. Their facebook page is ADA25. A few CACDI members are serving on this committee.

NEW BUSINESS.

Katie told us that as of Feb. 1 COTA would be the provider for both ADA and non-ADA trips.

NEXT MEETING. February 26th, City Hall, room 226.

ADJOURNMENT. 2:50PM