



Columbus Advisory Committee on Disability Issues

Minutes of the meeting on May 28, 2015

Members Present: Mary Hiland - Chair, Karen Kostelac - Vice-Chair, Wayne Cocchi - Secretary, Marlene Stewart, David Cameron, Patricia Kovacs, Ann Christopher

Provisional members: Paul Walker, Katie Frederick

Members excused: Tiffany McClain, Elizabeth Sammons, Kay Grier

Members absent: Scott Lissner, Jennifer Smith, Sue Willis, Kathy Blair

Staff: Rick Isbell

Guests: James Christian (City of Columbus), April Williams (COTA)

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

GUEST SPEAKER. Our planned speaker for today was Jordan Tetting, Director of Community Services, the American Red Cross of Franklin County. Speaker did not show up for meeting.

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

OLD BUSINESS.

1. Franklinton Housing - no update

2. ADA celebration - Things are moving along, essay contest seeking submissions, volunteers are needed for 2 days/nights. Marlene will turn in the paperwork for CACDI to have a table (tables need to be staffed between 11:00 a 2:00 (Karen will staff it from 11-12, Marlene 11-2, Rick 11-2, Tricia 12-1, Dave will staff 1- 2), Marlene will send out volunteer sign-up information for the event, to the committee. There will be a concert at the commons on the night of the 23rd. Look online for more information, (<http://www.ada25columbus.com>).

ADA 25 facebook page also has updates. (<https://www.facebook.com/ADA25Columbus?fref=ts>

Updated CACDI flyer - Kay Grier will print flyer to hand out at the table on July 23rd (Mary thanked Sue Willis who originally designed the flyer and Mary made a couple updates.)

Ann moved to approve new flyer, Karen seconded. Motion passed.

3. Tech Conference - no update, conference was last week.

4. Recruiting members - New members are needed, we also need someone to fill in as interim secretary starting in July 2015.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

COTA - No current updates. Paratransit is also using MB1 vehicles, a smaller vehicle that has a ramp. Mary asked about the time frame for making reservations for travel on the weekends. They are 7-6 m- f , 8-6 sat/sun.

NEW BUSINESS.

1. Speakers for future meetings - Tricia still working on securing some area commissioners for northeast and east side area commissions. She will give the names to Mary. Rick will try to get a city council member. We need a speaker for our June meeting. If anyone has ideas let Mary know. Tricia mentioned getting someone from Columbus parks to talk about programs and accessibility. Mary will contact them. Marlene got confirmation for a speaker (Michele Moskowitz Brown, executive director, from Local Matters for Sept. and speak on how they work with various groups with disabilities and help with food issues. Paul will contact Ohio Civil Rights, Rennel Thomlinson, for August 27th meeting, Tricia will also contact Columbus apartment association for a representative for August.

2. Jim Christian - (see emails Jim sent members on May 27 and 29), City of Columbus was developing a plan, and MORPC/COTA were also developing a plan for a multi-modal transportation system. They are now all working together and collaborating on a plan called Connect Columbus. Carrie Fortman will be coordinating. They hope to have the plan completed by April 2016. Jim noted that there does not seem to be much input from people with disabilities for this plan. He encourages folks from CACDI to attend the meetings. Katie is on their advisory group. Karen and Marlene will also try to attend the meetings. See Connect Columbus page on city web site. They are soliciting comments for all parts of the city. Also see the Ann Fisher (PBS channel) show podcast online. Katie will send the link. It was noted that 50% of Columbus does not have sidewalks. Also, many curb cuts do not have connecting sidewalks. We will have ongoing discussion/updates on this plan throughout the year.

REMINDER. June will be the last meeting for those at the end of their second term... Kathy Blair, Dave Cameron, Wayne Cocchi, Jennifer Flynn, Scott Lissner and Sue Willis.

NEXT MEETING. June 25th meeting is at the State Library of Ohio.

Adjournment : Karen moved, Marlene seconded, meeting adjourned at 2:20.