

C.A.I.R. COMMISSION
COMMISSION FOR ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENT IN RUTLAND

Minutes

Wednesday, January 16, 2014

Present: **Chair:** Robert Barrett
 Alderman: None
 Other Attendees: Jessica Butterfield, Nate Stansberry, James Simonds

The meeting was held at 3:30pm in the Rutland City Alderman's Chambers on the 2nd Floor. It was adjourned at roughly 3:50 pm.

Robert (Bob) Barrett opened the meeting and opened the floor and asked Jessica Butterfield if there had been any issues she had encountered since the last meeting. Jessica offered an anecdote of traveling on Grant Avenue and that the sidewalks were terrible and steep. Associate City Engineer Nate Stansberry mentioned that he would keep it in mind when planning occurs for the next construction cycle. After this Nate Stansberry brought forward the work on improvements to Washington St. and the potention of new sidewalks being installed.

The chair lift by the Clerk's office was also brought forward as being too small for Jessica's chair, thus requiring travel to the back of the building. Nate Stansberry asked that Bob check for standard lift size requirements and to whether the City's lift was appropriate or to needed to be prioritized for replacement.

New businesses and projects downtown were also brought to the table and whether access is being provided. The new Energy Innovation Center was questioned as to whether accessibility was possible through rotary door or other entrance. It was tabled for investigation.

The Turning Point Center had also expressed interest to Jessica in becoming more accessible to users. She asked for City assistance/investigation on the issue.

Mr. Donahue's absence was also explained and the next meeting's date was discussed.

The meeting was then adjourned with the next proposed for February 19, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Nate Stansberry, Associate City Engineer DPW