

C.A.I.R. COMMISSION

COMMISSION FOR ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENT IN RUTLAND

Minutes

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Present: Chair: Robert Barrett

Aldermen: Gary Donahue

Other Attendees: Jessica Butterfield, Tiffany Heath, William Lucas, Glenn Reed, Rose Reed-Denardo

Location: Downstairs Conference Room in City Hall

- Introductions to any new people in attendance
 1. No new attendees. Meeting opened at 3:30 p.m.

- Progress on Old Business & Discussions

- Progress on Old Accessibility Issues
 - i. 69 Allen Street
 1. Bob noted that the ramp handrail has not been done yet and he will continue to follow-up on this
 2. Rose pointed out that they did put in automatic doors a while back.
 - ii. Police Station
 1. Bob has not talked to the Mayor recently about automatic doors at the station entrance, but will follow-up.
 2. Glenn noted that it has been almost a year since the Accessibility Walk, when this need was pointed out.
 - iii. Irving Station on Grove Street
 1. Bob received a response from Donald Sutherland, Chief at the Division of Fire Safety. Mr. Sutherland had claimed that when built, the gas station/convenience store was not new construction, but Bob pointed out that the old structure had been entirely demolished to make way for it. Bob also said that he was told that the Irving Station had passed on the Committee's concerns to the corporate office and they are "under consideration."
 - iv. Post Office on West Street
 1. There has been no response to a letter regarding the sign on the Post Office regarding service dogs.

2. The Post Office has still not put out the sign for the accessible parking spot, even though it is long past plowing season. Glenn will follow-up with another letter to the Post Office.
- v. Tenneybrook Store
 1. Rose noted that the repainting of the accessible parking spot at the Tenneybrook Store on North Main has been completed and there had been a very quick turnaround time from when she first reported this need to the store.
 - vi. West & Court Street sidewalk
 1. There is confusion on the location, but there is a major bump in the sidewalk.
 - vii. 103 State Street Laundromat
 1. Bob checked this out and spoke to Joe Giancola, who is going to put in the accessible parking spot.
 - viii. River Street bridge
 1. Glenn noted that this issue was brought up by Jen from Marble Valley Transit at the last CAIR meeting and no one has checked out the problem yet. Some member will check on it before the next meeting.
- Marble Valley Transit Invite
 - i. It was noted that this was an item from an earlier meeting and that staff from Marble Valley Transit were present at the last meeting and will be invited to future meetings.
 - Outreach Events
 1. It was noted that these were also old items and so they were tabled.
 - New Items to be Discussed
 - Noted that several items were from earlier meetings and were tabled.
 - Ideas for Using CAIR Funds in Budget for City Accessibility Project
 1. Glenn reminded that Nate had suggested this as a possibility in the last CAIR meeting.
 2. Glenn suggested that there may be a need at a City Recreational Dept. facility. He will check this out.
 - Parking at First Baptist Church
 1. Tiffany said that the accessible parking spot at the church is dangerous due to being located on a slope.
 2. Bob will check this out
 - Shoulder Straps on Marble Valley Transit Buses
 1. Jessica recounted a recent incident she experienced on a bus. It had to brake very suddenly due to a car braking in front of it and Jessica's suffered whiplash

from this event. The question was raised as to whether there are shoulder straps available for people in wheelchairs on the buses and, if so, can drivers assist riders with them when they are securing wheelchairs.

- Bus Stop Near Dunkin' Donuts on Tremont Street
 1. There was a brief discussion about the dangerous location of this bus stop and the need to move it to the other side of the street adjacent to Templewood Court.
- Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Reed

CAIR Member