

C.A.I.R. COMMISSION

COMMISSION FOR ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENT IN RUTLAND

Meeting Minutes

For Wednesday, November 15, 2017

Present: Bob Tanner, David Sagi, Glenn Reed, Jessie Butterfield, Gary Donahue and Judy Frazier

Introductions were made, there were no new attendees.

The group discussed the purpose of the Committee. A copy of the Procedural Rules and Regulations was handed out to all in attendance. The primary purpose of the committee is to hear complaints from those who appeal decisions made by the Building Inspector. The Committee also is in place to ensure that the City is compliant and that issues or problems with regards to accessibility are can be brought to them and addressed.

The sidewalk work was mentioned and all the improvements that have been made throughout the City, hoping it continues. One area that that was mentioned is the old Army & Navy store and access to that business may be able to be accomplished without building a ramp. The ramps on Center Street seem to be somewhat of a nuisance when trying to get down the south side of the street. There may be Community Black Grant money to do improvements and building future ramps.

New committee members was also discussed. Trying to pull more people from the City that can bring in new ideas and improvements to the City. The Mayor needs to appoint the members to this committee, so all new ones will be appointed and existing ones reappointed. When asked other agencies we should reach out to for membership the following were suggested: The Bus, City Schools, DPW, Council on Aging, VA, Downtown Partnership and the Chamber.

The parking garage needs to be inspected, Bob Tanner, Gary Donahue and Judy Frazier agreed to do the inspection after the Thanksgiving holiday.

Other properties discussed:

- The Police Station needs to have a ramp on the north side to have access from both sides, once a ramp is put in a push button door needs to be installed as well.
- MSJ has no handicap parking spaces, if one were to be on the street that would be the City's responsibility, Judy will talk with Jeff Wennberg.
- Irving gas station on Grove Street placed their handicap parking space in a poor area, should not have been approved for the location.
- Headstart has no handicap parking space in the lot across from the church. Giancola has an agreement to maintain the parking lot and will have a handicap space made.

There being no further business, Gary Donahue made a Motion to adjourn the meeting, Glenn Reed seconded the Motion, all were in favor and meeting was adjourned at 4:08pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Judy Frazier, Chair