COLUMBIA DISABILITIES COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, July 11, 2013
Board Meeting Room, Chamber of Commerce Building, 300 S. Providence Rd.

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1. Called to order by Chair, Homer Page, at 3:00 p.m.

2. Introductions:
   Members: Homer Page, Marcie Luebbert, Kathleen Weinschenk, Cheryl Price, Christy Brookins, Dovie Weston, Dawn Zeterberg, Charles Graham, and Mike Peplow.

   Excused Absence: Sean Spence
   Unexcused Absence: Hazel Fields and Lee Henson

   Staff:
   Tony St. Romaine, City Manager's Office
   Adam Kruse, City Law Department
   Tracy Graham, City Law Department
   Richard Stone, City Traffic Engineer - Public Works
   Lelande Rehard, City Manager's Office

   Members of the public were present.

3. Additions to Agenda
   a. Request for interpreter funding for the Christy Welliver Speaker Forum.
   b. Café Poland accessibility.

4. Review and Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting
   Ms. Price made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 9, 2013 meeting as written. Ms. Luebbert seconded the motion. All in favor; motion approved.

5. New Business
   a. Priority Projects for Surplus Funds
      Mr. St. Romaine briefly reviewed previous discussions and funding from the City Council for ADA projects. The top four (4) priorities were presented to the council:

      1. Accessible street level parking. Mr. St. Romaine suggested the possibility of changing the ordinance so that the accessible spaces are metered as well to minimize impact on the cost to the city.

      2. Extended paratransit hours to attend City Council and other city meetings.

      3. Audible pedestrian signals. Ten (10) intersections were originally proposed.

      4. ADA accessible surfaces at city park playgrounds of poured in place rubber instead of wood fiber that they currently have.

The Commission discussed, and was agreeable to, Mr. St. Romaine and Ms. Brookins recommending a switch to surface a section of Cosmo Park with poured in place rubber instead of Lions-Stephens Park, with no additional funding requested.

Richard Stone spoke to the Commission about audible pedestrian signals. A motion was made by Ms. Weston to adopt the following priority list of intersections for installation of audible pedestrian signals:

1. Providence and Broadway.
2. Old 63 and Broadway.
3. Providence and Business Loop.
4. Providence and Stewart.
5. College and University.
6. College and Broadway.
7. Garth and Business Loop.
8. Stadium and Maryland.
9. Ashland and College.
10. Nifong and Providence.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Zeterberg. All in favor; motion passed.

Lelande Rehard gave a presentation on creating street accessible parking downtown.

Ms. Brookins made a motion for $40,000 to go toward installing at least four (4) identified audible pedestrian signals and $40,000 to create at least eight (8) accessible parking spaces and if either project has money left over it will flow into the other project. The motion was seconded by Ms. Weinshenk. All in favor; motion passed.

Mr. Page welcomed Chuck (Charles) Graham to the Commission as a new member.

b. Dinner Train Accessibility.
Mr. St. Romaine discussed the status of Dinner Train accessibility.

c. Service Animal Education Project with OT Students.
Four (4) college students gave a brief overview and findings of their Service Animal Education Project. They shared a rough draft of their educational brochure with the Commission and discussed funding of the brochure printing by the Commission once finalized by Mr. Kruse and Mr. Graham. Ms. Weinshenk made a motion to authorize $500 to create brochures regarding the service animal education project. The motion was seconded by Ms. Price. All in favor; motion passed.

d. Funding for interpreter for Christy Welliver Speaker Forum.
A motion was made by Ms. Price to provide $100 for interpreter services for the Christy Welliver Speaker Forum. The motion was seconded by Ms. Luebbert. All in favor; motion passed.

e. Availability of public comment at City Council meetings.
Ms. Weinshenk shared concerns about public comments being at the end of council meetings due to the potential late hour.

f. Poland Café accessibility.
Hold for next meeting.

g. HRC Update.
None.

6. Public Comments.
Dorothy Starker spoke on issues of accessibility to the main floor of the public library.

7. Announcements.
Ms. Weston announced that a card was available for signature, to be sent from the Commission to the Battle family.

8. Adjourn
Meeting adjourned approximately 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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