

Commission for Citizen's with Disabilities

December 9, 2015

Present (Members): Marie Allison, Jill Barnett, Rick Curtis, Roger Daman, Kenzie Gleason, Peggy Henson, Carla Johnson, Kristy Stambaugh, Laura Thomas, Theresa Thomas **(Visitors):** Jeanne Gardner, Alana Isaac, Young Mee Choi.

Call to Order & Introductions: The meeting was call to order by Chair Jill Barnett at 9:19AM and those in attendance introduced themselves.

Public Comment: Laura Thomas took this opportunity to thank Jill Barnett for her service as the chair of the Commission as this will be her last meeting as Chair. Alana Isaac (guest) shared that she had some concerns about Wheels, Cardinal Hill's pool closing due to a company who purchased Cardinal Hill and the fact that there was not a 25th Anniversary celebration for the ADA in Lexington. Members shared with her that had been a 25th Anniversary Celebration and Roger Daman commented that as a part of LFUCG's initial master plan for a therapeutic pool for Lexington and that he would check into Cardinal Hill.

New Business:

a. ADA Curb Compliance: Roger Daman reported that he will have more of a report in January, but some of the districts have already been done (Liberty Road and Henry Clay areas) Kenzie Gleason wondered if this was also including transit routes and the issues of accessibility. Roger stated that he would like to work with them on curb updates and resurfacing plans. Carla Johnson raised an issue about curbing and door issues at the Liberty Road Post Office. Kristy Stambaugh stated she would make contact with some she knows about the doors at the post office.

b. Meeting Calendar: a list of next year's meeting dates was circulated.

Treasurer's Report: Kristy Stambaugh reported that currently there was \$11,229.10 in the account. Rick Curtis added that the Parking Dept. was again this year giving ticket holders a chance to pay their parking tickets off (regular tickets) with canned goods. He had heard it was being very successful.

Old Business:

a. Commission Membership Updates: The Commission was welcoming new to this meeting Theresa Thomas whose term is finishing another's and will go to 1/1/2017. Jill Barnett reported that as of 10/22/15 the name of the person who had not attended any meetings for the past two years was removed. Jill stated that that left two spots remaining open. She had been sent two names of person who had applied and she will get that information to Laura before the end of the year. Roger asked if we should not invite these applicants to a commission meeting. The consensus was that would be a good idea.

b. Commission Name Change: Jill reported that there were some concerns raised about the name submitted and we were being asked to revisit that issue again. Laura stated that we had already voted and would need to vote to reopen the discussion. Roger made motion to do so, seconded by Rick Curtis, the motion carried with one nay. The group after some discussion came up with the new name of the Commission for People with Disabilities. The motion was made by _____, seconded by Rick, the motion passed. This then was in keeping with "people-first" language. Theresa suggested that we might want to promote the idea of "people-first" language in social media for the name change. Peggy stated that Council was on break until January 12, 2016 and that we would just need to send a letter to the Mayor and Council regarding the name change and reason.

c. Committee Updates:

i. Where not to Park: Peggy reported that the ordinance of ticketing a vehicle in the van unloading isle if not marked 'No Parking' a ticket cannot be written. Carla asked about educating drivers and again his raised the question about the diagram going out to handicapped placard owners. Kristy stated she would check and report back in January.

ii. Communications (Town Hall): Laura reported that she sent a thank you email to all who had reported their emails on the sign-in sheet. A question was raised by Rick if a letter was sent to the Chief thanking him for the use of the space at BCTC. Jill stated she would send a letter.

Discussion & Announcements: Alana Isaac stated that she wanted to address some issues about Wheels where she got left at Cardinal Hill and the security guards were and something had to be done. The group then discussed the planned formation of the Transportation sub-committee with Laura to chair. The following persons volunteered to join that work group: Jill Barnett, Roger Daman, Theresa Thomas, and visitor Alana Isaac.

Adjournment: Rick made a motion to adjourn at 11AM, seconded by Laura, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Thomas, Secretary