

## **Commission for Citizen's with Disabilities**

January 27, 2016

**Present (Members):** Marie Allison, Jill Barnett, Roger Daman, Peggy Henson, Laura Thomas, Theresa Thomas, Tiffany Bryant, Andrea Strassburg **(Visitors):** Jeanne Gardner, Sherelle Roberts, Carie Kizziar, Ted Kizziar, Mia Isaac, David Goodpaster

**Call to Order & Introductions:** The meeting was call to order by Chair Laura Thomas at 9:16 AM and those in attendance introduced themselves.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Peggy Henson, second by Therese Thomas and was passed.

### **Public Comment:**

- Ted E. Kizziar, the Administrative Assistant at the Homeless and Housing Coalition of Kentucky, shared that he attended to learn more about the commission and explained that his organization advocates for individuals that are chronically homeless. There was also a discussion about the lack of resources (specifically shelters) for individuals with disabilities. Ted further stated that he is working with partnering agencies in regards to the need for homeless shelters for individuals with disabilities.
  - **Action suggested:** To get Charlie to attend the meeting to further discuss the issue of homelessness as it relates to individuals with disabilities.
- David Goodpaster congratulated Peggy Henson for winning her fourth term unopposed.
- Roger Daman made a motion to discuss updates in regards to the playground instead of ADA Curb Compliance. Motion second by Peggy Henson and it was passed.

### **New Business:**

- a. There was a mutual agreement among members that in the case of inclement weather meetings will be cancelled if it is announced that the city is closing.
- b. Jill Barnett reported that she was shocked that Coba Cocina did not have wheelchair accessibility to go to the second. This ignited a conversation and Andrea Strassburg reported that public elevators are not required with buildings that are three stories or less.
  - a. **Action suggested:** Roger Daman suggested that we should ask our congressman to attend a meeting in order to discuss how this issue can be solved on a federal meeting.
  - b. Mia Isaac suggested that issues such as this should be put on Twitter and Facebook to raise awareness and to get Jennifer Hicks involved.
  - c. Andrea Strassburg suggested to ask Mayor Jim Gray to make this issue one of his platforms to run on. (This would be coordinated with Laura Thomas and Peggy Henson)

**Treasurer's Report: Same as last month** Kristy Stambaugh reported that currently there was \$11,229.10 in the account.

**Old Business:**

- a. Commission Membership Updates: Roger asked if we should invite these applicants to a commission meeting. The consensus was that would be a good idea.
- b. Commission Name Change: Peggy stated that the ordinance would be on the docket Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and could be passed that day.
- c. GTV3: Peggy reported that it now has closed captioning and interpreters are available by request.
- d. Sidewalk at Meats: Peggy reported that the supervisor agrees that the wall is not compliant and it is in the process of being fixed.
- e. Playground Updates: Roger brought the plans of play structure to the meeting and reported that those plans would be shown at the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting today at 4:30. This play structure will be unique to the region. There was also discussion about the lighting, security and surveillance of the structure as well as accessibility to the park as it relates to transportation. Roger further stated that the play structure would be completed by late spring to summer of 2016. Note that Curb report will be next month.
- f. Committee Updates: Roger suggested that the committees need to be more formalized with the committee chair reporting back to the commission about their progress.
  - a. Where Not To Park: Suggestion to invite Dewey Crowe to commission meeting as soon as ordinance is passed.
  - b. Communications: Laura stated that they are planning to have another town hall meeting in the early summer.
  - c. I Know-expo: Marie Allison reported that the commission received a gift card for participating in the expo and she used the gift card to get donuts for the meeting. She reported the commission needs to nominate a senior with a disability as a Senior Star. She also reported that the expo will be in a different location within the building that will a lot for more space. Marie also noted that on Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 there will be the 874K Rally in Frankfort.
  - d. Transportation: Laura reported that transportation committee was not able to meet due to the snow. She reported that Wheels will now have tip sheets available to their customers which discusses subjects like scheduling.

Discussion and Announcements: Peggy Henson announced that Hillary gave birth to her son on January 19<sup>th</sup>. Roger reported that he received a complaint about the parking meters near a coffee shop causing accessibility issues and he worked with the store owner to resolve the issue. Mia Isaac asked if Lexington provided shoveling assistance to individuals with disabilities and if 911 had texting capabilities. Sherelle Roberts apologized on behalf of Rick for not attending the meeting due to other obligations.

Adjournment: Roger made a motion to adjourn at 11AM, second by Theresa, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tiffany Bryant, Secretary