



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

Disabilities Commission

Thursday, October 12, 2017
3:00 PM

Regular

Walton Building Board
Room
300 South Providence
Road – Columbia, MO

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Chuck Graham called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Present: 10 - Hazel Fields, Chuck Graham, Marcie Luebbert, Gretchen Maune, Rene Powell, Dawn Zeterberg, Ann Marie Gortmaker, Christina Jones, John Bowders and Troy Balthazor

Excused: 2 - Julie Walden and Jacquelyn Sample

Staff present: Adam Kruse and Tammy Baker - Law Department.

Members of the public were present.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Luebbert made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Bowders seconded the motion. All in favor; motion approved.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Ms. Zeterberg made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Balthazor seconded the motion. All in favor; motion approved.

V. SPECIAL ITEMS

Presentation from Teri Walden, Executive Director, of Encircle Technologies to discuss this business in the community and its impact on accessibility.

Teri Walden with Encircle Technologies presented to the Commission. The non profit was initially started to improve accessibility to post-secondary education for people with autism. They are now opening up the program to anyone that has educational barriers. They provide technology and hard skills training, along with teaching students soft skills. Encircle Technologies is currently working to get more students placed.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Update on the Wheelchair Accessible Van Taxi Grant Project

Adam Kruse provided an update on the status of the Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle Taxi Grant proposal. Mr. Kruse said that \$50,000 has been appropriated and the next step is to propose the terms of the program to City Council. The Commission discussed the terms of the grant program: new vehicles preferred, vehicle specification to be provided

with application, 3 years minimum operation, no medicaid/medicare rides, annual reporting requirements, \$15,000 total per grant (\$12,000 up front with \$1,000 incentives for each of the 3 years), and the Commission to review applications and make a recommendation of recipients to the City Manager.

Ms. Fields made a motion to present the proposed terms of the program consistent with those discussed in this meeting. Ms. Maune seconded the motion. All in favor; motion approved.

VII. REPORTS

Staff

Adam Kruse said that Tammy Baker will be the new staff liaison for the Disabilities Commission. Mr. Kruse will continue to be the ADA Coordinator and attend the Commission meetings.

Public Transit Advisory Commission

Ms. Powell said that Columbia College donated some bus shelters.

Bicycle & Pedestrian Commission

Ms. Gortmaker said that there were comments on situations where motorists ignore pedestrians and they emphasized education.

Vision Zero Action Plan

Mr. Bowders said that they had their first meeting and created a crash analysis team.

VIII. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

A Commission member said that they spoke with Drew in Transit regarding bus drivers learning a few signs in sign language.

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE: NOVEMBER 9, 2017

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:31 p.m. due to a lack of a quorum.