



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

Disabilities Commission

Thursday, November 9, 2017

3:00 PM

Regular

Walton Building Board
Room

300 South Providence
Road – Columbia, MO

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Julie Walden called the meeting to order at 3:18 p.m.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Present: 8 - Marcie Luebbert, Gretchen Maune, Rene Powell, Julie Walden, Dawn Zeterberg, Ann Marie Gortmaker, John Bowders and Troy Balthazor

Excused: 4 - Hazel Fields, Chuck Graham, Christina Jones and Jacquelyn Sample

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

Members of the public were present.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

John Bowders made a motion to approve the agenda. Gretchen Maune seconded the motion. All in favor; motion approved.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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John Bowders made a motion to approve the agenda. Dawn Zeterberg seconded the motion. All in favor; motion approved.

V. SPECIAL ITEMS

Presentation from Karen O'Connor, Thompson Center for Autism & Neurodevelopmental Disorders, to discuss the Autism Friendly Business Program

Karen O'Connor presented on the Thompson Center's Autism Friendly Business Initiatives program. The purpose of the program is to educate businesses to be more knowledgeable in supporting people with autism.

Julie Walden made a motion to support the Thompson Center's Autism Friendly Business Initiative program, encourage all City employees to be exposed to this training, and all City departments to become autism friendly spaces. Gretchen Maune seconded the motion. All in favor; motion approved.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Update on the Wheelchair Accessible Van Taxi Grant Project

Adam Kruse provided an update. He will be presenting the Disabilities Commission's proposal to the City Council on November 21st. Commission members are invited to

attend.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of a Kansas City Area Transportation Authority (KCATA) service called RideKC Freedom On-Demand, a public private partnership intended to provide more affordable on-demand transportation in the community for people with disabilities.

Gretchen Maune provided information on KCATA Service RideKC Freedom On-Demand. Gretchen is researching and contacting individuals involved with the project. She would like to see if something like this can be brought to Columbia.

Elections for Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary positions of Disabilities Commission.

Chuck Graham was nominated for the Chair position.

John Bowders made a motion for Chuck Graham to be Chair. Marcie Luebbert seconded the motion. All in favor; motion approved.

Julie Walden and Troy Balthazor were nominated for the Vice-Chair position. Troy Balthazor declined the nomination.

John Bowders made a motion for Julie Walden to be Vice-Chair. Rene Powell seconded the motion. All in favor; motion approved.

Christina Jones was nominated for the Secretary position.

Julie Walden made a motion for Christina Jones to be Secretary. Troy Balthazor seconded the motion. All in favor; motion approved.

VIII. REPORTS

Staff

Adam Kruse requested that any future information related to the Commission, such as absences and any administrative type communications, be sent to Tammy Baker. Mr. Kruse stated that he will continue to be available.

Public Transit Advisory Commission

Rene Powell gave a report on the Public Transit Advisory Commission. She said that they are working on obtaining cards with some basic sign language for bus driver's to use. Also, mandatory overtime has been eliminated for bus drivers.

Bicycle & Pedestrian Commission

Anne Marie Gortmaker said that there was no new information to report.

Vision Zero Action Plan

John Bowders said that they formalized a crash team to review every aspect of a crash and analyze crash data for the City. The team will look at any crash, even if there are only vehicles, but it has to involve serious injury or death. They are also setting up a protocol for site audits and assessments to look at all of the safe and unsafe issues associated with the site under review.

IX. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

Anne Marie Gortmaker asked the Commission to pass along information regarding the Services for Independent Living (SIL) Advocacy training.

John Bowders said that he attended the November 6, 2017, City Council meeting and spoke about the Farmers Market proposal.

X. NEXT MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 14, 2017

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Julie Walden made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:35 p.m. Marcie Luebbert seconded the motion. All in favor; motion approved.