

C.A.I.R. COMMISSION
COMMISSION FOR ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENT IN RUTLAND

Minutes

Wednesday, December 17, 2014

Present: **Chair:** Robert Barrett

Alderman: None Present

Other Attendees: Jessica Butterfield, Glenn Reed, Mike Coppinger,
William Lucas, Tiffany Heath, Nate Stansberry

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- Introductions of People in Attendance
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- Motion to Move Mike Coppinger to beginning of meeting
 - Mike asked for the CAIR Committees support as he approached the Traffic Safety Committee about possible handicap parking relocations in the downtown. He explained his proposal and it received unanimous approval from the CAIR Committee.
- Progress on Old Business and Discussions
 - Review of any progress made from accessibility issues brought up at last meeting
 - DPW end of season update
 - Nate updated the Committee on completed projects and asked for feedback.
 - Questions about DPW practices
 - Glen had some questions about how which crosswalks in an intersection were determined to be improved. Nate explained current policy and his hope for improvements in the future.

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- Follow up on walking survey of downtown
 - Brief synopsis was given, and a copy was requested to be emailed and circulated to members.
- Bump on south side of West. St at Nichols St.
 - A bump in the sidewalk was reported and Nate said DPW would follow up on it.
- AT device at Library
 - Glenn will follow up with library about possible magnifier and screen reading programs to make library computers more accessible.
- Pedestrian survey conducted by VCIL Advocate Group
- Accessibility issues at laundromat
 - The issues with the railing and lack of space in the laundromat were discussed with Bob suggesting Building Inspector's office would approach the owners about a fix.
- Greg's Auto followup
 - A thank you card from the CAIR Committee was suggested for their quick/continued response to the letter sent by Glenn requesting the sidewalk be kept clear.
- New Items to be Discussed
 - Accessibility of Howe Center—Building #3
 - long term parking
 - railroad crossing
 - short-term parking no disabled spot
 - After the issues were discussed, it was suggested a letter also be written to Mr. Giancola about possible remedies.
 - Party Store on Strongs Ave.
 - No disabled parking---Rose sent a letter

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- Bob said the owners were in Florida for the winter and that a followup should be tabled for the spring in which he will attend to discuss a parking spot.
- Any other new items (Open floor to suggestions)
 - Olivia's Market
 - No handicap spot
 - Green Mountain Healthcare Facility
 - No handicap spot
 - July 26th ADA Week
 - Think of possible events; Nate will draft a possible event
 - Tremont Duncan donuts
 - The bus pad isn't being cleared of snow; Nate will follow up with DPW to see if that can be added to the list.
 - Transit Center
 - Waiting room has no automatic doors into the waiting room. Bob suggested it be brought to Mike Coppinger's attention.
- Adjourn
 - Meeting was adjourned at 4:28 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Nate Stansberry, Associate City Engineer DPW