

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

Minutes

Wednesday, February 18th, 2015

Present: **Chair:** Robert Barrett
 Alderman: Gary Donahue
 Other Attendees: Jessica Butterfield, Glenn Reed, Rose Denardo,
 Tiffany Heath, Nate Stansberry, David Sagi

The meeting was held at 3:37 p.m. in the Rutland City Alderman's Chambers on the 2nd floor of Rutland City Hall. Nate Stansberry opened the meeting.

- Introductions of People in Attendance
 - No new attendees.
- Progress on Old Business and Discussions
 - Progress on Accessibility Issues
 - Howe Center
 - Glenn informed the Committee that VCIL would be looking to find a new location for their office due to the roof leaks in the building. The issue would therefore be dropped for the time being.
 - The Clothes Basket on N. Main
 - Bob wasn't in attendance so discussion was tabled for next meeting.
 - Party Store
 - Rose hadn't had an opportunity to follow up but would in the next few weeks with a report at the next meeting.
 - Chamber Parking
 - Nate asked that the traffic proposal by the Downtown Partnership be allowed to be presented to the Traffic Safety Committee before the issue is discussed further.
 - Curb Cut at Pleasant and Washington Streets

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- Nate mentioned that the Public Works Department would try to include it on the work this season if project nearby were constructed.
- Steep incline at Court & West Street
 - The issue was again discussed but no easy solution seems attainable due to grade. Will be examined in the spring for possible solutions.
- Power Doors at Transit Center
 - David reported that they had been installed!
- New Items to be Discussed
 - New Public Works Projects
 - List still in progress and Washington Street lights and sidewalks were mentioned as a possible project to include the curb cut at Pleasants and Washington.
 - Vehicles blocking sidewalk at Wales St across from police station
 - A discussion was held on the issue. It was recommended to be examined in the spring for possible new signing or enforcement to keep the sidewalk clear.
 - Lack of sidewalk snow removal at bus stops
 - The stop at Tremont and Woodstock seemed to be the one of most concern and seemed to be one DPW could alleviate. Nate said he'd ask and see what's happening. Other sites are not the responsibility of DPW and should be followed up with the BUS.
 - Any other new items (Open floor to suggestions)
 - Bardwell crosswalk
 - Gary asked that the CAIR Committee support changes to the crosswalk and traffic timing/allowances at this intersection. The Committee agreed to draft a letter of support and submit it to the Traffic Safety Committee.

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David said he'd work on a draft and circulate it to the Committee.

- Ideas for 25th Anniversary CAIR Committee
 - Disability Museum exhibit
 - Agreed to pursue the renting of two exhibits. Nate would call for more information and report at the next meeting.
 - ADA Walk with City officials
 - Routes and issues were discussed. Glenn would work to identify issues and targets that could be included in a route originating and ending at the Asa Bloomer building.
 - Information tables at Asa Bloomer
 - The late afternoon was targeted for the manning of tables during a Tuesday.
 - Other ideas
 - March 18th is Disability Awareness Day and the CAIR Committee was asked of their interest in attending in Montpelier. Glenn would circulate more information.
- Adjourned at 4:10pm

Respectfully submitted,



Nate Stansberry, Associate City Engineer DPW