

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

Minutes

Wednesday, January 21st, 2015

Present: **Chair:** Robert Barrett

Alderman: Gary Donahue

Other Attendees: Jessica Butterfield, Glenn Reed, Rose Denardo, William Lucas, Tiffany Heath, Nate Stansberry, Tim Brennan, David Sagi

The meeting was held at 3:32 p.m. in the Rutland City Alderman's Chambers on the 2nd floor of Rutland City Hall. Robert (Bob) Barrett opened the meeting.

- Introductions of People in Attendance
 - Robert (Bob) Barrett opened the meeting. A paper was passed around as a sign in sheet.
- Progress on Old Business and Discussions
 - Howe Center
 - Glenn contacted Giancola and a date is being determined by Giancola on when to meet.
 - Clothes Basket/ Olivias
 - Bob called both establishments and changes have been agreed to be made. He forgot to mention the railing at the Clothes Basket and will follow up on it. David will email Bob a vendor list for handicap signage.
- New Items to be Discussed
 - Ideas for 25th Anniversary of ADA
 - Awareness Day preliminarily scheduled for July 22nd. Everyone will check schedules.
 - Nate will contact Disability Museum for potential exhibits.

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- More discussion will be had to narrow down potential sites for the event.
- New Public Works Projects
 - Nate informed the Committee that the list for the construction season is still being formulated. Would try to have by next meeting.
- New Accessibility Issues
 - Pleasant and Washington
 - Needed curb cut that Nate will check on and try to incorporate into a DPW project.
 - Court and West St.
 - Steep incline and sidewalk condition make it difficult to stop. Nate said he would try to make a determination on the issue and report back.
 - Automatic Doors at Bus Stop
 - Gary said that he thought the State could handle items like these. The cons of the doors and cold weather was also discussed.
- Any other new items (Open floor to suggestions)
 - Party Store
 - David said they are required by law to have handicap parking. Rose hopes to follow up with Mark Foley shortly.
 - Chamber Parking on West St.
 - Discussion was held on adding a handicap spot. It was table depending on the parking request by Mike Coppinger at the last meeting.
 - Dog Leash in Parks
 - CAIR Committee does not support unleashed dogs in parks unless in designated dog parks. Will seek to add

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input to the Board of Alderman's deliberations in the coming months.

- Adjourn
 - Meeting was adjourned at 4:12 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Nate Stansberry, Associate City Engineer DPW