

C.A.I.R. COMMISSION

COMMISSION FOR ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENT IN RUTLAND

Meeting Minutes

For Wednesday, July 17, 2019

Present: Glenn Reed, Muffe Heath, Jessica Butterfield, Ren VanWagner, Bob Pelletier and Judy Frazier.

Meeting minutes from May 15, 2019 were presented. Glenn noted a few corrections/punctuation errors and adding Rehab to the Rutland Healthcare. Changes noted and Glenn made a motion to approve and Jessica seconded, all were in favor. Minutes of May 15, 2019 approved.

City sidewalks were first topic of discussion. Shared that all areas of concern are brought back to DPW, and they are aware of some of the streets in the poorest conditions. They are fixing sidewalks, roads and crosswalks as projects progress and budgets can support the need.

Updates on old business:

Olivia's Market still has no accessible parking signs or marked accessible parking in their lot. Bob Pelletier will check with JR Bullock as to why.

Accessible parking sign at Citizens Bank was vandalized and I shared with the committee that this is the bank's property and responsibility and not the City.

Irving on Grove Street lacks easy accessibility for anyone in a wheelchair. Bob will check to see if their building permit gives any indication as to whether they were compliant and changed plans or what their proposal was when building the new structure.

New business:

There is a 3 hour parking limit in the plaza, however Wal-Mart posted these signs in accessible parking spots so when the ground is snow covered people park there thinking it is only 3 hour parking. May be the same situation at PC parking lot as to where the 3 hour signs are placed. Perhaps the signs could be relocated to eliminate any confusion. Bob will check with the property owner.

The Rutland Healthcare and Rehab's ramp has an extremely steep incline, hard to even push someone up in a wheelchair and difficult to navigate when coming out the door. They may have limited property so they cannot expand the ramp or make periodic landings to reduce the steepness. Bob said he would look at the property to see if any improvements can be done.

The Pines notified someone that they lost their transportation for their groups to travel places, although we have no alternative at this time I believe the BUS was going to reach out to them to see exactly what services they needed. During this discussion it was also noted that there is no curb cutout at this point of the sidewalk, near the entrance to The Pines. Ren said she has to go up Allen Street because she can't get onto the sidewalk where it ends on the South side. Judy will mention this to DPW.

New business:

The dumpster that is placed on Merchants Row in front of Kelvin's blocks the bump out at the pedestrian crosswalk. It is dangerous because you can't see traffic coming, and cars cannot see someone stepping out ahead of time.

Five Guys needs to have their ramp fixed to be ADA compliant. The City is meeting with the owners on Thursday 7/18 to discuss.

The question was raised about the Center Street Market Place and what events will be held there as well as any additional uses for the park. Judy did share that there are movies scheduled and there was a Heritage Family Credit Union event held there also. It was asked if whether the City received any revenue or if Roots was the only one getting value from the events in the park. Judy did say that the Recreation Department plans events and does get a rental fee for the space. Judy will check with Kim from the Rec at the next Department Head meeting to see what other events/rentals will be hosted in this venue.

Glenn reminded us all that the Accessibility Walk is scheduled at 1pm on July 24th.

There being no new business Glenn made a motion to adjourn, Muffe seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 4:01pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Judy Frazier, Chair