



Meeting Date: 10/19/2017, 12:30 pm
Location: Mayor's Conference Room, 10th Floor, Stamford
Govt Center

In Attendance: F. Mercede, E. Grebeck, K. Murray, D.
Thompson, P. Magalnick, H. Szymczyk, A. Bingham,

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Meeting started at 12:30 pm and FJ welcomed the group

May & September meeting minutes approved

Agenda provided for the group.

Accessible Transportation

Ellen Bromley not present to discuss.

City Accessibility Upgrades

K. Murray - They are moving forward with the entryway doors (Floor 1, 4 and Elevator vestibule). Danny concurred that Nancy (engineering) has been working two weekends and they are in progress.

K. Murray – Brochure for picnic table samples for the parks.

Ordering can begin in the winter for West Beach, Cove and Cummings. One style option is the hexagon style with three benches and an open area for wheelchair; this ADA style (minus the bench) is preferred. Alicia mentioned benches are hard to get into if lifting a leg is an issue; Phil agreed.

Frank brought up the point it may be helpful to ask the consultants, David West of Institute of Human Design located in Boston, for assistance.

Honorata brought up a concern – what happens during peak season if there is only one table? Frank stated it may be best to ask the consultants, based on population, how many tables may be needed. Kevin mentioned there are purchasing guidelines and perhaps if we can get the state vendor contract maybe two or three tables will be available per site.

Phil mentioned he used the mat at the beach and it worked well with his cane. Typically the cane will sink in the sand and this was not an issue due to the mat.

Frank, Phil and Honorata are attending an ADA seminar. This seminar will have ADA spokespeople from each of different towns within Connecticut. Seminar will be held the week of October 23rd.

Danny spoke of the report David West created and it is very detailed. Everything is detailed with clearance, removing, relocating objects. They are currently working with other departments to discuss the protruding objects. The Health Department project patio is complete. Other projects include the waterproofing perimeter and the 42" toilet paper dispenser (replacing them at the correct height by attrition as the moves come up). Danny is working with the departments heads. Phil thanked him as it's appreciated.

Kevin – the 2nd floor of the Senior Center is under the old code. If you modify you have to put up to code. There is currently one bathroom there. Need to renovate the ground floor bathroom, key the doorway (take out the stall to allow for a turning radius so that a buddy, sibling or person has the option to be present). Honorata requested the layout to be considered as the sink, trash, paper towel dispenser are close to the sink. The issue with the countertops and sink are the exposed pipes underneath can burn legs. Phil mentioned the lever is an issue if there are dexterity issues. Phil also mentioned the security guards may need training.

Options came about accessing the restrooms with a key access. Ed mentioned perhaps a card or metal key? Kevin suggested a card access key system is a good point; maybe a card swipe for access? Again, this may be a good question for David West.

Kevin - The number one priority is ADA compliance. He attended a Planning Board meeting the prior evening regarding the issues. Requests for funding have been made by Kevin and the question was asked if this is the same request Marty Levine has previously requested. The dollar amount requested is \$250K and an additional \$50k may be requested. Kevin mentioned he would like to reinforce how important the Access4All committee is important to both he and Danny. Their goal is to be in attendance at the meeting every month. They will contact

David West with regards to scope and pricing.

Honorata – asked about steps for the blind. There is a rough surface/contrast (usually the 1st and last step) as an indicator to alert the steps. Sometimes there are yellow strips and it's a huge help. Kevin mentioned he can put in the request for the steps.

The first phase is the center pavilion, new staircases, shower and changing areas and seating/viewing areas for the public. It's not new construction and there is no elevator. The upgrades are based upon funding.

Outdoor Dining

Frank, a member of DSSD, said someone on the board level raised a question about the board signs and enforcement. Phil and Frank are going to meet with Sandy Goldstein, DSSD, so she can be enlightened with the problems with the outdoor dining issues. Maybe Sandy can help with the enforcement and have the city take a look at it.

Phil spoke with a Bedford Street merchant and the merchant is upset with the situation. Phil emailed Ellen. Picante put up their table after 5pm and may not have a permit. Frank also requested from Ellen a current list of current permit holders for this season. Bar Zeppoli blatantly has a problem with their tables and chairs on the Summer Street sidewalk there is no way they can have a permit. Even if Bar Zeppoli puts their tables against the building there is still not enough clearance on the sidewalk.

Phil reached out to Jim Matheny regarding signs. He also called 4140 and got an email confirming his complaint. Jim responded and 7 verbal warnings were given.

Frank would like to know if the new Director of Operations can attend the meetings. Alicia mentioned perhaps the timing is an issue for low city employee attendance to the meetings. Frank responded the meeting times were set previously by the group and included in the calendar. It's on the website as well as the

2nd Thursday of each month. Honorata asked if each department head attend. Officially zoning and the Health Department are not members of the A4A committee. Conclusion is we don't know a way to improve the low attendance by city employees.

Additional Members

Frank has some people who have expressed interest but need clear direction from the city on helping the group.

New Venture

Phil would like to see what happens after the seminar. The ADA Connecticut Coalition is representing their municipalities. They are very knowledgeable. Ellen may be planning on attending this seminar as well. Deirdre Daly, previous U.S. Attorney, attended last year and Ted Kennedy Jr. attended the year prior. The seminar comprises of volunteers spending their own money to get there and make a difference.

Phil plans on sending an email to committee members with respects to the complaints in September's meeting. He reached out to Jim Lunney and no return calls.

Next meeting will be November 9, 2017 at 12:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30pm