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Stamford Access 4 All, Mayor's Committee

Meeting Date: 10/8/15, 12:30 pm

Location: Mayor's Conference Room, 10th Floor

Attending: F. Mercede, P. Magalnick, K. Burbank, E. Bromley, A. LiVolsi, J. Ruotolo, E. Orgera, M. Levine, L. Carlson, M. Katcher, R. Rios Ninos, P. Sciarretta, P. Healey

M I N U T E S

1. FJ welcomed everyone, and the meeting was called to order at 12:40 pm.
2. Minutes from 9/10/15 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved without changes.
3. FJ introduced newest members of A4A Committee, Peter Healey.
4. Marty reported that RFP is still under review by city's legal department. Once it is approved, he expects it will require 150 days before we receive recommendations from the selected vendor. In anticipation of this timing, he will request preliminary information that can be shared publicly before full recommendations are available.
5. A lengthy discussion took place surrounding ongoing issues with obstructions to the sidewalks on Bedford Street. It was suggested that better enforcement is needed by citation officers so A-frame signs are removed once and for all. Ernie will speak with Frank Fedele about this ASAP. A suggestion was made to track citations and report numbers monthly to A4A. Ernie will investigate this idea. Libby will invite IT representatives to our next A4A meeting to discuss outstanding website issues.
6. Kris and Libby recommended A4A publicity plans, including a press release announcing news of the RFP assignment as soon as legal sign off has been confirmed. Ideally, this can go out in October/early-November. Libby will then work to develop a subsequent release in Nov/Dec announcing the Ferguson Library/Starbucks access improvements and A4A's role in this progress. Another press release will be scheduled for January/February instructing residents about the importance of adequate snow removal during winter months. All releases will include a boilerplate paragraph developed by Libby that includes language about A4A's mission and website.
7. The Committee discussed how certificates of occupancy are issued for private properties (restaurants), including those under renovation and for which there still are ongoing issues with regard to handicap access and parking.

8. It was recommended that Josh Benson, Bureau Chief of Transportation and Parking, be invited to the next A4A meeting to talk about the city's sidewalk assessment plan and other issues related to handicap access. Ellen will issue this invitation.
9. FJ reminded members of the ADACC seminar on October 30. Everyone is encouraged to attend.
10. Next A4A meeting is November 12 at 12:30pm.
11. Meeting was adjourned at 1:35pm