

Stamford Access 4 All, Mayor's Committee  
Meeting Date: 2/11/15, 1pm  
Location: Operations Conference Room, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor

Attending: F. Mercede, P. Sciarretta, P. Magalnick, M. Levine, P. Zeiss, K. Burbank, M. Molgano, E. Bromley, A. LiVolsi, T. Dec, I. Luppinacci, L. Ross

## M I N U T E S

Frank Mercede welcomed all in attendance.

Review of 1/14/2015 meeting minutes. Motion to approve and seconded. Passed unanimously.

Kris read draft mission statement for Committee review. Suggestions provided. Kris will incorporate and email to Amy for legal review.

Amy and Marty are gathering estimates for scope and timing of assessment work that could be provided by external consultants. We will use this benchmark data in our budget presentation next month. Public hearing date still being set.

Tom and Kris reviewed current plans for press event to announce A4A formation. Committee offered recommendations on signage, invitees, speakers and timing. Publicity sub-committee will continue to coordinate.

Lolli led discussion of "People First Language" and the importance of using it as much as possible. Words matter. She also recommended Committee members look at "The Riot" newsletter and "Disability is Natural" (Kathy Snow) online as additional references on this topic.

Frank, Marty, Ellen and Paul agreed to meet with Ernie Orgera as a next step for the Process Improvements sub-committee. Marty suggested A4A consider developing by-laws. Committee agreed it still needs additional members and more diverse representation.

Mike reviewed changes to the City's website complaint process where complaints involve ADA-related topics. Committee provided input on proposed changes and agreed we should ask "Is this a disability related issue?" for each complaint. That field should be forwarded to Amy for data collection only. Mike will continue to work with IT to finalize fields/links and then obtain final approval from Frank Fedele and Ernie Orgera. Committee agreed to forward ideas to Mike for content and navigation.

Next meeting is March 12 at 1:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:30pm.