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Stamford Access 4 All, Mayor's Committee
Meeting Date: 3/12/15, 1pm
Location: Operations Conference Room, 10th Floor

Attending: F. Mercede, P. Sciarretta, M. Levine, K. Burbank, M. Molgano, E. Bromley, A. LiVolsi, , I. Lupinacci, L. Ross, E. Orgera

M I N U T E S

Review of 2/11/2015 meeting minutes. Amended and approved unanimously.

Marty reported on his conversations with two firms about ADA assessment services. Both feel Stamford work can probably be done for around \$200,000. Our initial request is in the City's 2015-16 budget for \$45,000. It is currently part of the Facilities line item; however, the Committee agreed that it should be called out as a separate line item in order to "put a face on this issue." Agreed that FJ, Mike, Phil and Peter should prepare to support this request with comments at the 3/24 public hearing, on behalf of the Committee. This group will convene on 3/18 to prepare and coordinate comments. Additional meetings will also take place on 3/30 (Board of Finance) and 4/1 (Board of Reps) that Committee members should try to attend; however, no public comments will be permitted.

Kris confirmed from meeting minutes that the A4A Committee has been organized and meeting since last spring. We are waiting to issue a press release for the time being. The press conference is still targeted for April/May. Tom Dec will get a date from the Mayor's calendar and Kris will coordinate with him prior to April Committee meeting. Kris will send draft mission statement to Amy for review. Lolli suggested A4A host event on July 26 (actual "ADA birthday) to commemorate this occasion. Committee agreed and will discuss at April meeting.

Committee discussed potential training opportunities within city government, as well as the potential for a train-the-trainer program. It was suggested that we might provide basic information to help improve interactions between persons with disabilities and those city employees who have the most contact with the public. It was also suggested we try to get an intern for the summer. Kris and Ernie will contact Michele Lappas to discuss further.

Ernie has spoken with Robert DeMarco about incorporating better ADA compliance into the building permit review process. Ernie is going to set up a meeting with Mr. DeMarco for himself, Paul Zeiss, Jim Lunney, Frank Mercede and Marty Levine to identify process changes.

Website progress continues. Please forward additional recommendations to Mike anytime.

Next A4A Committee meeting is April 16 at 1:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:10pm.