

## **APPROVED**

Stamford Access 4 All, Mayor's Committee  
Meeting Date: 6/11/15, 1:30pm  
Location: Stamford Government Center, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor

Attending: M. Molgano, P. Magalnick, M. Levine, K. Burbank, P. Sciaretta, L. Ross, M. Katcher

## **M I N U T E S**

Meeting started at 1:35pm. Mike Molgano welcomed everyone in attendance, including Phil's friend, Alan Shaw, who joined for the discussion.

Minutes from 5/15/15 meeting were approved unanimously without changes.

Kris reviewed coverage and results of A4A press conference on May 27 with Stamford Mayor David Martin. Very favorable media coverage and public response.

Following this event, several members of the Committee joined DSSD representatives for a walk/roll down Bedford Street to identify obstacles to access, including grates, scooters and other impediments, as well as gradual encroachments to the amenity zone that need to be addressed. Short- and long-term solutions were discussed on-site during this exercise, which was deemed to be very worthwhile and productive. The Committee hopes to conduct similar walks in the coming months to assess Bank Street and Columbus Park.

Marty reported that the scope of services for our ADA assessment RFP is complete, and advertising will begin by the first week of July. Ideally, the consultant will meet with A4A and advise on Committee makeup, roles and responsibilities as part of the assessment process. FJ Mercede, Amy Livolsi and Marty will be integrally involved in the review of RFP applicants. A contract will hopefully be awarded before Thanksgiving.

Mike reported that the A4A additions to the City of Stamford website are "up and running," thanks to much assistance from Michael Albanese of the city's IT department. We reviewed the features of the site, which includes user-friendly ways for Stamford residents to submit ADA related requests and questions, search links and resources, obtain ADA-related materials and find news about A4A's activities. Committee members should try to regularly send new information "of interest" for the site to Mike Molgano, who will forward it to the appropriate city personnel, to help keep the site "evergreen" and useful for residents. Ernie is still checking with the city to see if Mike can be the site's webmaster.

Committee discussed the following upcoming priorities for the remainder of calendar 2015:

1. Additional walk through in downtown commercial areas
2. City personnel disability training (Lolli will bring recommendations to July meeting)

3. Enforcement of ordinances
4. Non-compliance (Committee members should be taking note of places that present problems so we can share with whomever is ultimately selected from the RFP)
5. Mitch also requested we figure out a way as a Committee to become more educated on ADA guidelines and ordinances and perhaps tap into ongoing training, etc.

This meeting adjourned at 2:40pm.

The next A4A Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 9, at 12:30pm.