

Montpelier ADA Committee July 7, 2015

Attendance: Kim Brittenham, Tom McArdle, Jessie Baker, Kevin Casey, Chris Lumbra, Mike Charron, Ed Paquin, Franklin Shiner, Will Eberle, Marty Roberts, Donna Barlow-Casey, Alaina Clements, Arne McMullen

Introductions and Welcome

Meeting called to order by Kim Brittenham, Chair.

Approval of the agenda

Public input

Franklin Shiner hosted a program in the late 70s interviewing people who were important in helping create access for disabled people. He played a clip describing how some local officials were trying to get around in the area of Elm and State Streets in wheelchairs and blindfolded.

Alaina Clements spoke about recently moving to Court Street and how the sidewalks were kept very well this past winter.

Ed Paquin mentioned that there is an issue with a lip on the ramp across the Pavilion that makes it difficult to get a wheelchair on the ramp.

Will Eberle from Another Way stated that there are major renovations happening to their building on Barre Street and they're working on accessibility issues. Another Way helps people with barriers deal with their issues and succeed through many programs and classes.

Updates from Committee Members

The committee is being restructured and the word needs to be distributed, including the Chair seat since Kim is leaving the area. Anyone interested should talk to Sandy at the City Office to be appointed. The Committee is to give an annual report to City Council. The report should be worked on while Kim is still able to provide input.

Donna Barlow Casey has been working on City job descriptions, starting with DPW. There's certain positions that require physical attributes such as driving a

truck and lifting heavy weights. She has created a template that meeting attendees asked to be shared.

Arne from the Rec Department and Thom Wood from the schools were not in attendance to give updates on their progress.

People need to be aware of the bike path extension and the reworking of the intersection by Shaw's.

Arne came into the meeting during the Shaw's discussion.

The City's website is being updated.

Arne reported that they are working on a few grants to help with the Rec Building.

Review and Approve Meeting Minutes from April 7, 2015

There was a motion and a second to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Confirm Next Meeting Date – October 6th is the First Tuesday of the Month

Adjournment

Tom made a motion to adjourn, Jessie seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tami Furry
Recording Secretary