



Minutes

Accessibility Committee

Monday 03/30/09 @ 2:00PM to 3:30 PM

Governor's Commission on Disabilities

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Recorded by:	Christopher DeGrave
Attendees:	Kate McCarthy-Barnett, Arthur Plitt, John Desautel, Joseph A. Cirillo, Ronald McMinn, Paul Depace
Absent:	Monsignor Sabourin, Arthur Plitt
Staff:	Bob Cooper, Christopher DeGrave, Christine Rancourt

Minutes

1. Call to Order and acceptance of minutes **Kate McCarthy-Barnett, Chair.**

2:05 KMB called meeting to order.

RM- Motion to approve minutes, JC Seconded- Vote Unanimous.

2. Status of Funds/ Status of Projects **Bob Cooper**

~Bob Cooper indicated major loss in RICAP funding for 2009 (see attached budget adjustment sheet)

- o Projects originally approved during March meeting will have to be discontinued, due to loss of proposed available funding. Bob Cooper will contact Director Sullivan/ Joe Dias of DEM to inform.
- o Harvey Salvas: to contact Groden Center to inform of 20k loss for architect proposal.
- o Available remaining funding of : \$17,151.02, subtracting \$2,000.00 for the Arts, leaving the grand total remaining at : **\$15,151.02**

~Colt State Park construction project (Restroom #2) has been re-started; payment has been made to contractor.

~Fort Adams Project- transfer of funds has been made.

RM- Motion to approve, JC Seconded- Vote Unanimous

4. Disability Parking Enforcement

Bob Cooper/ Ron McMinn/
Christopher DeGrave

Bob Cooper:

Presented a proposal by Senator Ucci to increase enforcement of disability placard violations by revising the current system and including serial numbering and phone numbers for un-intended usage violations. Mr. Cooper revised several items for efficiency of the program to include an increase of fines by 10%, and an incentive for the local police departments to directly receive 10% of funds collected for enhancements in parking enforcement.

JD Motion to accept Bob Cooper's changes/ enhancements to Senator Ucci's parking enforcement proposal, RM second- Vote unanimous.

Ron McMinn:

- o Proposal to have a letter sent to the Providence Journal to be published thanking the Providence Police Department for increasing enforcement on Disability Parking & Placard violations in the City of Providence. Secondly, the letter will serve as a reminder of the stiff penalties received by those illegally using placards.

JC- Motion to approve minutes, PD Seconded- Vote Unanimous.

- o Secondary letters of compliance need to be sent out to all RI Police Departments & Airport Corporation for the collection of information regarding disability parking enforcement.

CD to send of 2nd letters of reminder this week

Christopher DeGrave:

- o Disability Parking Enforcement 2009 Update Presented:
Reports Received: 31
Reports Missing: 14
Tickets Issued: 1,679
Fines Collected: \$108,369

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5. ADA Amendments Act Presentation

Christine Rancourt

Christine Rancourt made a presentation concerning the changes surrounding the ADA Amendments Act. The Amendments Act re-defines several key words in the definition of disability. Presentation notes have been sent via email.

- Will update CD on any future changes made
- Future action to keep building code revisions in-mind once any other changes occur

6. Review of Red Cross Shelter- Accessibility Survey	Kate McCarthy-Barnett/ Christopher DeGrave
<p>Shelter Accessibility Survey presentation update made in regards to the joint project with RIEMA, Red Cross, and Dept. of Health. The project is well underway and the Committee will be kept updated on the progress. This project will be a great opportunity to show the RIGCD in the proactive & positive spotlight.</p>	
7. **Special Announcement**	Ron McMinn
<p><i>The Accessibility Committee offered a moment of silence in memory of the late, John McDonald. He and his passion for his work within the disability community will be truly missed.</i></p>	
8. Announcements & Meeting Schedule	Kate McCarthy-Barnett
<p>** Next meeting set of May 18th, 2009** Motion to Adjourn @ 3:20pm, RM motion, JD second- Vote unanimous.</p>	