



Description of graphic: RI State Seal an anchor in gold behind a blue wheelchair logo. Just below is a blue banner with the state motto "Hope". All are in the center of a ring of 8 blue stars, in groups of 2 separated by the logos for Braille, hearing aids, low vision and amplified phone.

Governor's Commission on Disabilities Accessibility Committee Minutes

Monday- July 12th, 2010 2-3:30 PM

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	Kate McCarthy-Barnett(Chair), Ronald McMinn (Vice Chair), Nicholas J. Capobianco Jr., Joseph A. Cirillo, Paul De Pace, Katie Lowe, Kathleen Samways, Arthur Plitt
Attendees:	
Absent:	John Desautel, Monsignor Sabourin
Guests:	None
Staff:	Bob Cooper, Christopher DeGrave, Nell Carpenter (Accessibility Fellow)

	Agenda Topics	Moderator/Leader	Time
	Call to Order and Acceptance of the Minutes	Kate McCarthy-Barnett, Chairperson	1:15
Chair calls the meeting to order at 1:15 pm.			
MOTION: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting as presented to the committee. Motion by: J. Cirillo, Seconded by K. Lowe, Vote Unanimous, 1-Abstention (Paul De Pace)			
Action Items:			
	ADA Project Plan Recommendations & Approval of the Capital Budget	Bob Cooper	1:20
Purpose/Goal: Review possible ADA Projects, Prioritize and Revise Capital Budget Recommendations accordingly			

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	<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Limited capital budget (currently capped at \$250,000) has made prioritizing the exhaustive list of accessibility projects extremely difficult. ➤ All potential projects are deemed extremely important for accessibility. ➤ Current regulation determines priority list of projects in groups 1-3. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>Group 1 Projects:</u> <i>Facilities and systems housing programs providing direct services primarily to people with disability and facilities utilized for open meetings and judicial facilities.</i> ○ <u>Group 2 Projects:</u> <i>Facilities and systems housing programs that provide a direct service to the general public.</i> ○ <u>Group 3 Projects:</u> <i>Facilities and systems housing administrative and support services that could, if accessible, expand employment opportunities for workers with disabilities.</i> ➤ Discussion of a future bond referendum for accessibility modifications. ➤ Outdated estimates show over 9.5million in current need. ➤ Projects applying for funding will be further prioritized by project-readiness and actual completion potential. ➤ Two Projects identified at URI as presented by Paul De Pace. Support requested for Roger Williams Building- Wellness Center Elevator & Kingston Campus accessible pathway project. ** Paul will submit a newly prioritized project proposal list reflecting current budget proposal dates as moneys become available. <p><u>Potential Budget Schedule *** Can be modified</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 2012- Rhode Island State House Accessibility ❖ 2013-MHRH & State Leased Facility Accessibility Modifications ❖ 2014-2016- Group II Projects--- University of Rhode Island, Rhode Island College, Department of Corrections, Department of Environmental Management 		
 <small>voting check off graphic</small>	<p>MOTION: To support the "5" year budget plan as proposed. Motion made by: Arthur Plitt, Seconded by Ron McMinn. Vote Unanimous.</p> <p>MOTION: To submit to the legislature a proposal for approximately 15 million dollars to be placed on the 2012 election bond calendar for accessibility in state facilities. Motion made by: Ron McMinn, Seconded by: Nicholas J. Capobianco. Vote Unanimous.</p>		
 <small>meeting graphic</small>	<p>Open Meetings Act Project Update</p>	<p>Nell Carpenter</p>	<p>1:35</p>
<p>Purpose/Goal: Review & Update members of the Committee</p>			

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<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Nell reintroduced herself as the accessibility fellow as she was awarded the ability to come back for a second-term in the position. She has completed accessibility surveys in multiple meeting locations in over 28 communities and has identified hundreds of barriers to access to open public meetings. 			
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No motions on above topic.</p> <p><small>voting check off graphic</small></p>			
 <p><small>telephone complaint graphic</small></p>	<p>Accessibility Compliance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Current Complaints b. RIDOT Access Committee 	<p>Christopher DeGrave</p>	<p>1:45</p>
<p>Purpose/Goal: Review & Update members of the Committee</p> <hr/> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 15 open complaints currently as of 7/12/10. ➤ Most complaints surround parking related concerns- Lack of signage, disability parking discrimination, lack of enforcement by land-lords. ➤ New DOT ADA Committee is operational and swiftly working towards federal compliance standards. Asst. ADA Coordinator aiding the DOT in creating a transition plan for policies and procedures, website accessibility, facility access and accessible pathways/ sidewalks. ➤ Asst. ADA Coordinator has review 27 projects as proposed by DOT and has provided technical assistance on many more. Preemptive planning has led to the discovery of over 15 accessibility related deficiencies prior to construction in only 2 months. 			
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 <p><small>disability parking sign graphic</small></p>	<p>Disability Parking: Increasing RIGCD Enforcement</p>	<p>Christopher DeGrave</p>	<p>2:00</p>
<p>Purpose/Goal: Review & Update members of the Committee</p> <hr/> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Major influx of parking complaints since June 2010. (Approx 5-6 a week) ➤ Many complaints surrounding lack of police enforcement of violations due to lack of proper signage posted. ➤ Plan for the summer to increase RIGCD enforcement of disability 			

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	<p>parking and signage as posted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Contact Christopher DeGrave directly (401-462-0108) to report placard misuse, illegal disability parking or improper/ non-existent signage. ➤ Kathleen Samways to contact Chris DeGrave regarding disability parking enforcement notice with possibly less offensive wording/ methods. 		
 <small>voting check off graphic</small>	<p>No motions on above topic.</p>		
 <small>Spread the Word Graphic</small>	<p>RIGCD Available Resources Discussion: "Increasing RIGCD Awareness & Available Resources"</p>	<p>Arthur Plitt</p>	<p>2:10</p>
<p>Purpose/Goal: Brainstorm ideas to raise public awareness of the RIGCD & available resources at the upcoming public forums and into the future.</p>			
<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Spoke on spreading the word about the accessibility committee and the commission. ➤ Discussed publication ideas and future public awareness activities illustrating our mission. 			
 <small>voting check off graphic</small>	<p>MOTION: To formally bring issue of public awareness, public outreach and printed publications to the full commission. Motion made by: Arthur Plitt, Seconded by Ron McMinn. Vote Unanimous.</p>		
 <small>Announcer graphic</small>	<p><u>Committee Announcements:</u></p> <p>None at this time.</p>		
 <small>calendar graphic</small>	<p><u>Agenda and Scheduling the Next Meeting</u></p>		
<p>Items to be placed on the next meeting's agenda: Paul De Pace submitting updated URI potential project list.</p>			
<p>Next meeting will be on:</p>		<p>August 23rd, 2010 @ 2pm</p>	

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 alarm clock graphic	Meeting Adjournment		
 voting check off graphic	MOTION: To adjourn made by K. Lowe and Seconded by Ron McMinn @ 2:30pm.		