



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, June 27th, 2011 2:00-3:30 PM

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

	Agenda Topics	Moderator/Leader	Time
	Call to Order and Acceptance of the Minutes	Ron McMinn, Vice-Chairperson	2:30
Chair calls the meeting to order at 2:30pm. Introductions of Commissioners and Guests			
MOTION: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting as presented to the committee. Motion by: J. Cirillo, Seconded by A. Plitt, Vote Unanimous			

Action Items:			
	Accessibility Compliance: a. Complaints b. RIDOT Access Committee	Christopher DeGrave	
Purpose/Goal: Review & Update members of the Committee			
Discussion: Discuss current compliance complaints as well as discuss recent work of the RIDOT ADA Committee.			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Several disability parking complaints in the local area ➤ Working on accessibility of the Capitol Hill area w/ Bob Cooper. Meeting this week with DOA/ DOT/ State Government officials to resolve and brainstorm solutions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Parking, Accessible Routes & Accessible Entrances- #1 Priority ➤ Disability Parking Issue @ The Foundry Building in Providence resolved for DEM employee with extended accessible shuttle service 			

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	<p>(all day).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Complaints received concerning a physical therapy facility in Smithfield, RI. Working to resolve several accessibility and parking complaints about the facility. More to follow... ➤ R. McMinn- Request to contact RIDEM concerning use of fishing platforms at Salty Brine State Beach. Request for installed signage indicating preferential use for those with disabilities. ➤ <i>RIDOT ADA Committee</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Currently aiding in the design & reconstruction of Woonasquatucket Ave in North Providence. ○ See Middletown/ Portsmouth West Main Rd. sidewalk project: new detectable warning surfaces made from cast-iron. Longevity in other areas around the country proven. Looking for feedback from the end-user. ○ J. Cirillo- researching information on granite detectable warnings, use & cost. ○ Working with RIDOT to fix disability access issues with the RIDOT building. Building owned by DOA. Entire area needs to have parking & access plan. More to follow... ○ RIDOT working on federal transition plan- C. DeGrave working with Marc Malkasian of the DOT to ensure state and federal compliance. 		
MOTION: <i>No motions.</i>			
 <p>construction logo</p>	<p>ADA Project Plan Discussion & Capital Budget Discussion/ Review/ Approval</p>	<p>Bob Cooper</p>	
<p>Purpose/Goal: (1) Discussion on ADA Project Plans for 2011-2016. (2) Review, Edit, Discuss & Approve Annual Capital Budget information for 2012 as well as outline achievable goals for 2012-2013.</p>			
<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ After Capital Budget Packet review- Architecture & Engineering costs indicating a zero balance is a concern. ➤ Committee identified that forming a new baseline on what buildings the state is occupying and the accessibility needs of those buildings is the main priority over the next two years. ➤ Last survey has not been completed since approx. 1980. ➤ B. Cooper to edit/ revise budget documents to reflect motions/ vote 			

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	<p>taken to move moneys to support architectural & engineering survey costs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Understanding that some projects may be put on hold for a few years to re-survey current conditions. ➤ Most single projects requesting over 250k each year currently. 		
 <p>voting check off graphic</p>	<p>MOTION #1 by A. Plitt--- To take \$247,750 in FY2012 and re-appropriate the funds for an architectural and engineering survey of all state facilities. Seconded by J. Cirillo. Vote Unanimous.</p> <p>MOTION #2 by A. Plitt--- To approve the revised capital budget plan and supporting documentation for FY2013-2017. FY2014-2015 request being made for approx. \$5,000,000 each/year- for general obligation bonds. Seconded by J. Cirillo. Vote Unanimous.</p>		
 <p>meeting graphic</p>	<p>Open Meetings Act Project Update/ Open Government Meeting Project Update</p>	<p>Christopher DeGrave</p>	
	<p>Purpose/Goal: Review & Update members of the Committee</p> <p>Discussion: Review community & state inspection findings. Discuss timeline for completion of final project and next steps for compliance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Most all municipal and RI government open meeting locations have been inspected. ➤ Waiting on 8 specific municipal locations to respond to inspection. ➤ Many locations found to have deficiencies (96%) ➤ Top Three Findings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lack of Disability Parking ○ No Assistive Listening Devices/ Signage ○ No disability notification on posted public meeting agenda as required by law 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A. Plitt- Suggestion to increase awareness of public meeting accessibility requirements on the Secretary of State's Website in the Open Public Meetings area of the site. (Meeting attendees and schedulers will be made aware of and understand requirements) ➤ A. Plitt- Suggestion to add an informational flyer to the public forums packet addressing all open public meeting accessibility requirements. (Create general awareness through education) ➤ Great job and thanks to Ms. Sarah Lamontagne for her work on the 2011 Open Meetings Act project. Her inspection of over 150 meeting locations proved successful through her identification of over 280 barriers to open access. 		
 <small>voting check off graphic</small>	MOTION: <i>No Motions.</i>		
 <small>disability parking sign graphic</small>	Disability Parking: Signage Project Update	Christopher DeGrave	
	<p>Purpose/Goal: Review & Update members of the Committee</p> <p>Discussion: Discussion of signage project for schools as voting places and major disability parking signage campaign. (Chamber of Commerce)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Disability Parking signage project to begin in late-summer 2011 ➤ Working to install new disability parking signage (up & over federal requirement) at every polling location and public meeting location in the State. ➤ Most polling places are schools and most schools are also used for open public meetings--- MUST HAVE accessible parking & route. ➤ More information on project to follow in August 		
 <small>voting check off graphic</small>	MOTION: <i>No Motions.</i>		
 <small>Announcer graphic</small>	Committee Announcements <i>RIGCD Public Forums- July 25th to August 4th. Various venues and specific times to be announced.</i>	Ron McMinn	3:20

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 calendar graphic	Agenda and Scheduling the Next Meeting	Ron McMinn	3:25
Items to be placed on the next meeting's agenda: <i>State Capitol/ DOT/ DOA disability access follow-up...</i>			
Next meeting will be on: August 23rd, 2011			
 alarm clock graphic	Adjournment	Ron McMinn, Vice-Chairperson	3:30
 voting check off graphic	MOTION: To adjourn @ 3:30PM Motion made by: J. Cirillo Seconded by: A. Plitt Vote Unanimous.		