

Colorado Advisory Council for Persons with Disabilities
Meeting Minutes
5/9/17

Attendees: Steve Ruge, Pat Going, Emelie Esquivel, Greg Martinez, Rob Hernandez, Gina Robinson, Joe Triplett, Bob Epstein, Kathy Ciano-McGee, Mindy Siegel, Steve Wright, Jane Boone, Carol Reagan, Tami Sparks, Mark Douglass, John Monteith, Denice Roberts (phone)

April Minutes: *Motion to approve April minutes, with minor corrections, by Pat, second by Emelie. All in favor, motion carries.*

Executive Committee: No report

Treasurer's Report – Emelie is reconciling status of payments compared to when Brian had left.

Parking:

New Controller and Procurement and Accounting at Governor's office.

Getting PO's out, probably won't have time for the survey so we'll have about \$15,000 to reallocate for next year. We can only spend \$10,000 on goods/supplies, \$8000 spent so far. We anticipated having \$25,000. Name tags got caught up in this and is on hold. We may have to use additional companies to fulfill supply orders, name tags, etc. May need to also budget additional \$4000

Motion by Pat to allow Parking Committee to pull in additional vendors and allow for some additional set up and rush delivery fees with the balance of \$15,000, second by Steve, all in favor, motion carries.

Parking Committee would like additional ideas from the CAC regarding budget for next year, such as web accessibility, videos and captioning, etc.

Looking for additional recruitment strategies using Powtoons, local events and projects, etc.

Lakewood – In prior years, we worked with Jeffco Schools/Lakewood to make 5 sports fields accessible with parking. The signs previously hung were done by the school, not the city, so the city had the signs removed. Today Rob and Gina met with the City of Lakewood, explained the situation and importance of the signs and accessibility. The city will bring this issue to the City Council and seek resolution, will follow up with us.

Denise spoke with the 3 schools in her area, they want to see the 3 videos that are being developed.

Also spoke with the other publications and will get quotes on advertising with them.

Presentation: PongBoard – Brock and David

New social technology where patrons can text messages and images up to screens; The screens also display advertisements.

Short proposal 5/15 – 6/30, 10 venues in Denver Metro, \$9,000 for 90 days. Locations in Lodo, Brighton, Commerce City, Denver, Northglenn, few others. Ads show 2x per hour, 30 seconds each. Reaches our target demographic. About 300 messages are transmitted at each location per night. Can also share the feedback messages that we receive from users. Content would be sent by the Parking Committee chairs.

Motion by Gina to budget \$9000 for a trial from 5/15 – 6/30, second by Jane, motion carried.

ADA

Ryan Luby from 7 News interviewed Rob and Gina about the drive by lawsuits and related ADA issues.

Rob discussed opportunities for education and training and the role of the CAC. Rob also discussed

some of the sidewalk features and requirements under ADA. Gina discussed that this is a local issue that requires local solutions, and that the CAC does not agree with the drive by lawsuits. Also explained the difference between our council and the other council, where one of the members was actively involved in the lawsuits. The feature has not aired yet. Pat is aware of another set of lawsuits popping up between Parker and Monument, and will make the reporter aware of them. The people filing the suits are more interested in settlement dollars than the money being used to rectify the issues.

The CAC can't do direct education around the prevention of these types of lawsuits, but can encourage others to provide this service and refer chambers or businesses to them.

Last week FL passed a law that if a business has an ADA remediation plan in place, and if they are the defendant in an ADA drive by case, they will get a "pass" as they rectify the situation.

Quiz – is alcoholism covered under the ADA? Yes.

Quiz – What is the architectural standard that applies to federal facilities? Architectural Barriers Act (ABA) *New buildings now require automatic door openers at the main entrance.

Pat thanked Carol for tracking the legislation so diligently this session.

Membership: 3 openings; One new state employee submitted, 2 others. John needs state employee resume. Gina asked that they reach out to the other 2 applicants.

John is writing the policy around new members and the trial process.

Pagosa Springs car show June 9-10, hoping that John and Mark can attend and represent the CAC.

Mindy may stop by as well.

Costs: \$25 booth fee. Car sponsorships are \$25 (your name on a sign on the car). Trophy sponsorship would include our name, \$75. Banner \$150.

Motion by Pat to cover up to \$500 for a booth @ \$25, 4 car spaces @25 = \$100, \$150 for a banner and any additional related costs. Second by Jane. All in favor. Motion carries.

Communication and Outreach

The council member names on the website have not been updated, Steve will re-send to Lorie.

Need to get a statement on the website about how people can file local parking complaints through their local city councils, as we get many complaints on this topic.

Greg and Emelie attended the senior day event. Were not allowed to hand any materials out though. Did have discussions with many attendees.

Jane will do a social media/facebook presentation at the June meeting.

Bob – did outreach at Buck Recreation Center in Littleton, brought our give aways. 300 came through, many questions about disabled parking placards. Bob handed out flyers. Salute to Seniors expo coming up in June. Gina suggested having provider packets for medical providers as well as general information for the public. Bob will try to negotiate the price down.

Gina made a motion to approve up to \$750 for a booth at Salute to Seniors on 6/24. Second by Steve. All in favor. Motion carries.

Legislative

Carol provided spreadsheet of all of the bills, as well as a breakdown of all votes.

It took about 2 hours per week to maintain the database plus the weekly phone calls.

Need to figure out a better way to review amended bills in the future. Carol will send out a final report.

Invite Jim Smallwood or staff in to explain how we can make more impact on legislative issues during the session.

Voting Member Open Forum

Joe talked to the National Federation of the Blind, also talked to RTD about their website accessibility. Steve will talk to Lorie about some vendors checking out the website and the possibility that she will need to provide access to them.

Motion to adjourn by Bob at 2:20, second by Jane, motion carries.