

Colorado Advisory Council for Persons with Disabilities

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday November 8, 2016 – 12:00 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Meeting Location:

The Arc – Jefferson, Clear Creek & Gilpin Counties –
13949 West Colfax Ave, Denver West Building 1, Suite 150, Lakewood, CO 80401

Attendees: Julia Beems, Gina Robinson, Kathy Ciano-McGee, Darlene Beals, Geri, Mindy Segall, Jane Boone, Barbara Owens, Bridget Clawson, Greg Martinez, Joe Triplett, Bob Epstein, Monica Cortez-Sangster, Denice Roberts, Carol Reagan, Steve Wright

Absent: Chris Hinds

Excused: Pat Going, Emelie Esquivel, Robert Hernandez, John Monteith

1. Welcome and introductions – Public Welcome

- Approval of Meeting Minutes from October

Motion to approve amended minutes (2 small changes to Greg's report and to Parking) by Gina, second by Bob, motion carries. Denise, Brian, Mindy, and Monica abstained.

2. Open Reports:

- **Treasurers Report:** Brian Allem
 - Finalize budget items for 2016/2017
 - \$19000 expense from KDVR and \$3,000 from Billy Goat (May) will be considered under this year's budget.
 - Brian added tracking for items recently approved (Billy Goat, extension cord, media buys, booth at medical society event)

Motion to approve treasurer's report by Joe, second by Gina, motion carries.

- **Action Items Report:**

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- Discussion about the “H” word
 - The CACPWD will refrain from using the term “handicapped” and will use the term “disabled” or “disability” as appropriate

Motion by Joe to utilize “disabled” or “disability” rather than “handicapped” within all of our marketing and outreach efforts. Second by Gina. Motion carried.

- Steve will have Lorie find/replace all references to “handicapped” with “disability” or “disabled” within our website and marketing materials.
 - Greg Martinez: Level of Accessibility Grading Scale (30 minutes)
 - Greg worked with Pat Going to analyze rest areas in CO. Utilized a drone to get ariel view of each rest area.
 - Greg went over an ADA graded summary for how CO rest areas will be reviewed, scored, and labeled, wanted feedback from the CACPWD.
 - Chris suggested having trash cans accessible to vehicles exiting the rest area (car window friendly); this can’t be included in the review of each rest area, but can be added to the recommendations in the final report.
 - Grading uses a combination of symbols, # of symbols, and green yellow red to show various levels of accessibility.
 - Parking, Path of Travel to Buildings and Services, Restrooms, Vending and Picnic Tables are all scored for each rest area.
 - Change terms related to accessibility to excellent, moderate, poor.
 - Black to white International Symbol for Accessibility
 - Restroom doors – lightweight or possibly with electronic buttons to open them
 - Communications and Web – Lorie/web and facebook analytics and group discussion (45 minutes)
 - Outcomes of elections on CACPWD (30 Min)

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- Make sure we outreach and offer assistance about our existence, role, and resources available to new and existing legislators in CO. Be aware of the targeted areas that these legislators are focusing on as well.
 - Balance of power and supreme court appointee could change how our laws are interpreted into the future.
 - We still don't know where our council will be housed, may need people to testify to promote the value of our council. We sunset in 2017. The statute that mandates our existence expires in May.
- **Executive Team Report:** Gina Robinson/Julia Beems
 - Holiday Party – group will do a cookie exchange again. Participants should bring 4 dozen to trade.

Motion by Joe to provide Chinese food not to exceed \$300 for our holiday meeting on 12/13. Second by Gina. Motion carries.

- **Parking:** Chris Hinds
 - Finalize Parking Votes

Motion by Gina to approve up to \$35000 for printing signs, up to \$10,000 for giveaways, up to \$3000 for conferences, and up to \$500 for photos for the Think of Me Keep it Free signs. Second by Joe. Motion carried unanimously.

- **ADA:** Greg worked with Joe Triplett and Mo to get their feedback on a 3d model of a diverging diamond intersection that has extremely confusing sidewalk and island pathways. There are several of these in CO and they are very difficult for pedestrians. Joe and Mo helped with the

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textures that will be used on the model for visually impaired citizens. Greg showed pictures from the meeting and of the model.

- **Membership**

- Discussion – we have one position open currently, 2 people from the mental health arena approached Julia about representation. We also do not have any transition-aged youth on this council. Joe will invite a guest in January. We also could target someone outside of the metro area.

- **Communications / Outreach:**

- Planning items, how to work with other committees.
- Need committee chairs to participate in initial planning.
- Meeting 11/15 from 12 - 1
- Need Lorie to look at business card formatting...they don't line up appropriately.

3. Voting Member Open Forum

- Julia presented Gina with a certificate for service as chair on behalf of the CACPWD

4. Public Testimony

- Barbara and Darlene attended from PADCO
- Darlene will collect letters from families that have had issues, need our help escalating their issues to the Governor's Office and to resources that can help. Also come with recommendations, such as unbiased, professional visits that could be conducted.
- Julia brought brochures and business cards based on the request at the last meeting; business cards didn't line up for printing, need Lorie's help.

5. Adjourn

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