

Colorado Advisory Council for Persons with Disabilities
1/12/16

Attendees: Gina Robinson, Jane Boone, Steve Wright, Pat Going, Mindy Siegel, Greg Martinez, Cindy Dascher, John Montief, Joe Triplett, Bob Epstein, Bob Hernandez, Julia Beems, Chris Hinds, Kathy Ciano-McGee, Amy Davidson, Denice Roberts, Monica Sanger-Cortez, Michael (public)

Guests (RTD): Terra Bettale, Katie Angell, Ed Neuberg

Excused: Nancy Snow, Brian Allem, Billy Lister, Steve Allen

Unexcused: Jim Smallwood

Public Testimony – n/a

Business

- Minutes – n/a (Suzette out); Gina will send them electronically for corrections/vote
- Treasurer's Report – n/a
- Open Reports
 - Executive Meeting This Thursday, 9-11
 - Logo and GSSW Update
 - GSSW – Jane will schedule a meeting with Andy
 - Logo – Need to verify final color/text/icon changes that need to be done
 - Annual Report
 - Julia clarifying some budget numbers, otherwise just about done, legislature starts tomorrow
- Parking
 - Mayors Commission – unable to get a handicapped parking goal established into the planning for 2016
 - LPAG – Final OK to do the investigation, as results come out, will know which direction this group is heading
 - Billy Goat Group – Advertising in bathrooms in restaurants and bars, advertising in 23 different locations (based on our Nov vote); All locations are Denver metro;
 - Citizens Service Group - As a result of our signs, there were several warnings and tickets handed out 6 tickets to repeat offenders
 - Coors field? Sports Authority field? No relationships, but can keep trying; Bob Epstein will try; John may have a contact at the Pepsi Center and will follow up
 - Travis County, TX (Austin) was very interested in our campaign; Constables are interested in partnering with us in the No Plates No Placard No Parking campaign
 - Parking committee made a request that the CAC favorably consider using the same company that did the white paper to do outreach to municipalities with the goal of creating a list of municipalities w/contact info and rights and responsibilities, and where to call if anyone has a complaint; goal is to publish this for our constituents (website, other); second goal is to share with local and state legislators what the various sets of rules exist to show difficulty and complexity of what persons with disabilities have to deal with; Did receive a proposal which includes the state purchasing rate of up to \$10,000

Chris made a motion to authorize up to \$10,000 to Collaborative Solutions to compile the list of rights and responsibilities in various municipalities and the list of....., second by Julia. Nobody opposed, no abstentions, motion carried unanimously.

- CO Springs – Billy offered to take the lead in getting signs out to businesses. Pat is also making effort. Pat will compile a list of who has been contacted and where the signs have been distributed.
- Strategies 360 (Advocacy Group, experience with public awareness and advocacy campaigns, focusing on underserved populations) presented to the group. Parking committee recommended the CAC to allow \$5,000 to interview the CAC regarding our handicapped parking campaign effectiveness.

Chris made a motion to authorize \$5,000 for Strategies 360 to do analysis and proposal for how they can assist the parking committee. Bob seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried unanimously. The dates for the contract/mou will be determined after Gina meets with the Governor's Office on Friday, 1/15/16.

Legislative and Policy Committees

- Discussed our policies regarding attendance and absence
- Materials for meetings – updating to make clear that all materials will be on website
- Email protocol – due to sunshine laws, people can request open records; we will adapt our policy to better explain email protocol
- Need to make finding the agenda/meeting minutes more intuitive or add a search field on the website; Denise is having trouble finding them
- Need to send our website to Joe so that he can test Jaws accessibility

RTD Presentation

- 3 new rails lines
- Public private partnership. It's not just for medical facilities - RTD has the only contract to do this - not just building it out, but operating it for 29 years. People will not see this - all trains, ect will have RTD logos, etc.
- A line - Union station to DIA - not anything to do with university of Colorado. 37 minutes end to end. Multiple parking spots - along the line except at 61st and Pena. 2.00 per day after that free 24 hours. Out of RTD county coverage area is 4.00 per day.
- Gold Line - Arvada Wheat Ridge - 7 stops every station is a park and ride - will run every 15 minutes. 25 minute trip.
- B line - Union. Station to 71st and Lowell; 11 minute trip. 41 miles total but full funding is not available at this time and stops after the 1st 8 miles.
- Wider isles in the new cars, new chair options, no special loading and unloading areas for those with chairs, strollers, luggage, etc.
- There are pedestrian gates at all at grade crossings. Refuge areas between train tracks, with ground strips and gates.
- All new cars will have positive train control - expensive to retrofit but we do have this since we are building from the ground up.
- Will be launching salty campaign next week. Lunched in another country and it worked very well. Will be shocking but lighthearted.

Voting Member Open Forum

ADA Symposium

- Pat negotiated a discounted rate for us to have a table at the ADA Symposium (\$400 vs \$700) if we could supply some volunteers/room monitors. Gina stated that we need the registration form filled out with one of our invoice forms to be filled out and given to Steve Allen so that we can pay for it. Pat will track down the forms, price, and process, and duties for the room monitors and table attendees. Joe is interested in attending/volunteering, so we have 9 interested parties.
- We could raffle off our bags and have our give aways; Pat suggested putting some branding on the Great Grips door knob grips to be part of the give aways at the symposium and beyond.

Greg made a motion to purchase 500 2-pack boxes of easy door grips for up to \$1600 (including stickers/labels that we will create separately), seconded by Jane. All in favor, Pat abstained, motion carried unanimously.

Legislation

- Bob indicated that 2 bills are being introduced regarding disabled veterans services at Fitzsimmons
- Julia reminded the council that we need to be responsive to the items that arise during the session where we are providing input; we will work with Lorie to put a legislative forum and voting mechanism on our website

Advertising

- Julia brought a sample of a playbill where our advertising campaign was placed on the back page.

Bob made a motion to adjourn at 2:50 pm, second by Cindy, motion carried, meeting adjourned.