

## Accessibility and Advocacy Committee

January 14, 2022, 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Present at City Building Conference Room: Rob Delach, Lisa Simpson

Present by zoom: Davey McNelly (co-chair), Dianne Bouvier (co-chair), Anna Korpi

### Minutes

- Introductions of all members
  - Also - Tiffany Beals is current member and Joe Brumfield is joining the committee.
- Accessibility and Advocacy Committees combined to be one committee to reduce number of meetings and to minimize overlap
- Review last year's projects
  - Walk and Rolls – uptown
  - Stimson Ave – recommendations sent to City. Overall beautiful and much improved.
    - Discussion around accessible parking. Davey will contact Jessica and Saleh El-Dabaja (new City engineer) to discuss possible addition of two accessible van spots near the Bowling alley on Palmer.
    - A couple of businesses could have been made accessible – still have 1-2 steps. All businesses need to be made accessible to the entrance, especially since those businesses change frequently. To discuss with Jessica and Saleh - Who communicates with businesses about ADA requirements and feasibility of making entrances accessible?
  - Discussion about the Brochure created last year and letters sent to local businesses through Code Office. We could add info about steps at entrances or other items we learn business owners may want to know, in the pamphlet. Carolyn Lewis is checking with Adrian on the final version; Michael Rodrigues could help finish it up.
    - David Riggs sent email to for test businesses in early December – CVS, Jackie O's, White's Mill, Pizza Cottage. Jackie O's requested formal review. Anna will follow up with other businesses.
    - Follow up – Davey will set a time to go and take a look at Jackie O's. Use pamphlet and take in easily accessible barrier removal guide. Could look at entrances. What info do you need to help with this?
    - Catherine Ann Jordan, new parks & rec director said they are some bathrooms family accessible bathrooms – with adult-sized changing areas. Mayor just announced that they are acquiring a new four bathroom for West state – will improve existing bathroom.
      - Someone to join Arts, Parks and Rec committee – Advisory board for the City. There is one vacancy right now. Brandon Thompson is the chair. They meet third Thursday of the month in the community center. Lisa will Dan Schoonover if he is able/interested.
- Projects this year

- Adhoc Pedestrian Review Committee – (aka the “sidewalk committee”). Rob is on the Committee as a Resident and gave update. City Council approved resolution to create ad hoc committee through December 2022. Three assessments over the years. Committee will make recommendations to Council. Five members, appointed by Chris Knisely. Rob will serve as Resident; OU Student, city staff and council member. Chris Knisley sent request to Commission Exec Team for member to join. Dianne volunteered to do this and will contact Chris.
- New design plans are being drafted for uptown project. And west union. Davey will follow up with City Engineers.
- Discussion on 2022 projects will continue next month.

Meeting adjourned 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dianne Bouvier, Accessibility Committee co-chair