

March 11 2022
12:00pm – 1:03pm
Accessibility and Advocacy Meeting Minutes

Attending: Micah McCarey, Dianne Bouvier, Davey McNelly, Rob Delach, Neil Ryan (OU graduate student), Ally Hughes, Tiffany Beals, Annah Korpi

1. Guests: Saleh Eldabaja, City Engineer and Director of Public Works and Jessica Adine, City Engineer
 - Guest Discussion with City Engineer (Stimson and upcoming City projects)
 - o Completed 3 hours of ADA information training with Ron Epp – ODOT trainer
 - o Jessica and Saleh attended
 - o Uptown Improvement Project – starting and stakeholder involvement is starting soon – Committee members are willing to talk with business owners on why it's a good time to fix accessibility issues during this.
 - o West Union project will be bid in Fall or Winter – working with ODOT on schedule
 - o Would like to look at plans and then sit down to review them.
 - o Process for accessibility
 - When designing the project, Federal Highway and ODOT have standards, and then City comments to revise
 - If something is missed, City can go back in and fix
 - What could have been done better on the Stimson project:
 - Including parking on Stimson – for accessible spots
 - Other businesses – missed opportunity to fix the “one step” issue.
 - Better pathways through the construction with signage explaining accessibility
 - Engineer will be talking to building owners and right of way owners – would be in the stakeholder and community input phase. Committee could support that process.
 - o Sidewalk Improvement Project – W Washington St. Side walk to Shafer to N Lancaster. Lighting and vegetation. Getting rid of stairs
 - This project will start soon
 - o Put in an application for sidewalk improvement around E Elementary.
 - o Motion to write a letter to the editor extolling good parts of Stimson Ave project, pointing out room for improvement
2. Talk, Walk & Roll - Plan for Spring - Friday, May 13, noon - 1:00pm (Davey)
 - June 10th would be the date so Rob can coordinate. Noon to 1.
 - o Get this event on people's schedule.
 - Need to get this on schedules of local people we want to attend

- Mayor, Commissioner, etc.
3. Collaboration project with Code Office (Annah - follow up with businesses) and Joe (brochure design)
 - Defensive responses from businesses.
 - Annah will send out note / email with what happened.
 - Will brainstorm about other ways to approach
 - Joe can let us know about brochure
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 4. Accessible Technology update (Tiffany)
 - Tabled till next time
 5. Parks & Recreation Request (Dianne)
 - Arts Parks and Rec request – Dianne and Davey completed (mostly Dianne)
 - Have four concerts coming up and want us to assess for accessibility
 - Some are accessible and some are not – will talk with Emily Beveridge more about this.
 - All on committee said they could volunteer to help out on auditing other locations
 6. Draft Goals for Committee (Dianne)
 - We agree on the goals (see document)

Announcements
(Ran out of time)