



Cedar Rapids and Linn County ADA Advisory Committee



Linn County Jean Oxley Public Service Center
Thursday, August 13, 2015
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

ADA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee Members present: Cheri Clark, Kay Fisk, John Haible, Tom Hardecopf, Adam Wright

Committee Members absent: Barb Beets

Staff Members present: April Wing

Chair Kay Fisk called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

During public comment, Cherie Clark pointed out a few intersections within the City that she states did not have any accessible crossings. April Wing asked the Committee to send her an email or call with intersections or any other areas within the City they felt were non-compliant. She explained that City staff appreciate the feedback and want to know about any ADA issues within the City. Cherie Clark also stated there needs to be more awareness of People First Language. It was discussed that some words that are used regarding disabilities can be offensive and more education is needed in that area. The Committee agreed that it is important and should be a topic addressed at this year's education forum.

Tom Hardecopf moved to approve the minutes. John Haible seconded. There were no objections to the May 7, 2015 meeting minutes. Motion passed.

April Wing announced that the City has signed the ADA Settlement Agreement with the Department of Justice (DOJ) which became effective July 28, 2015. She reviewed some of the highlights of the agreement including facilities and programs that need to be brought into compliance. She also shared with the Committee that one of the requirements of the settlement agreement is to develop an ADA curriculum and to train City employees. The Committee was in consensus of reviewing the curriculum and giving feedback before the training is finalized. A meeting to review this training will be held Monday, September 21 at 2 pm at the Linn County Public Service Center.

Tom Hardecopf announced that the County Conservation's accessible playgrounds are progressing nicely and the County is remediating the access issues addressed in Phase I of their self-evaluation/transition plan.

Vice Chair Tom Hardecopf stated that the subcommittee for the education forum will have some ideas by September 1 for this year's topics and will give an update to the Committee at the September 21 meeting.

Chair Kay Fisk informed the Committee she has been sharing the ADA Advisory Committee materials at agency fairs and plans to have materials at the NTS table at the Stand Down for Vets event as well.

The next ADA Advisory Committee meeting will be held September 21, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at the Linn County Public Service Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
April Wing
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