

CITY OF SANDUSKY  
ADA/Fair Housing Advisory Board  
Monday, May 15, 2017  
First Floor Conference Room, City Hall  
1:00 PM

Members Present – Jeff Berquist, Kathy Linz, Carol Steele, Kathleen Wickens, Commissioner Lockhart

Absent – Diane Corso, Martha Thompson, Lovey Leavell

Staff Present – Law Director, Justin Harris and Clerk, Elisabeth Sowecke

The meeting was called to order at 1:06 PM.

Justin Harris suggested that members choose a chair and vice chair and set the meeting schedule for 2017. Mr. Berquist, a broker at Stadtmiller Realty who is well-versed in both fair housing laws and ADA requirements, volunteered to be chair and Ms. Linz volunteered to be vice chair. Ms. Wickens moved to accept their motions and Ms. Steele seconded. All were in-favor.

Mr. Harris indicated that the board was required to meet quarterly and officially turned the meeting over to Mr. Berquist to determine a meeting schedule and lead the discussion. Mr. Berquist suggested that they continue to meet on Mondays at 1:00 PM and proposed meeting July 10, at 1:00 PM and asked that all members study the new ordinance prior to next meeting. All members indicated that they were available on that day in July and both Ms. Steele and Ms. Wickens indicated that meeting in the afternoon would work but meeting in the morning would not. Ms. Steele and Ms. Wickens indicated that they used to meet six times and questioned whether they should continue that practice. Mr. Berquist suggested that we wait until the next meeting to discuss how often to meet.

Members discussed limitations of ADA standards and all agreed that there are almost no ADA-accessible buildings in the area.

Mr. Berquist reviewed his contact information and indicated that he is always available by mobile phone.

Members discussed the logistics of attending the Stars and Stripes Celebration and the possibility of meeting in June to plan for the event, so all agreed to move the meeting on July 10, to Monday, June 26, at 1:00 PM. They will determine who will attend, and in what shifts, at that time.

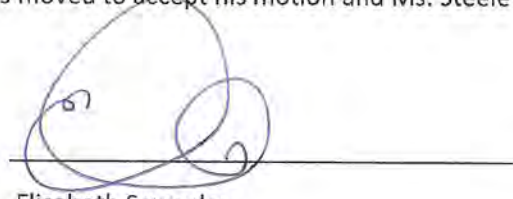
Commissioner Lockhart raised the topic of a dedication in-honor of Dr. Linz, and suggested that they work to make the Facer Park gazebo ADA-accessible. Mr. Berquist made a motion to facilitate the installation of an ADA-accessible ramp at the gazebo, accompanied by a commemorative plaque to honor Dr. Linz and raise awareness for ADA-accessibility. Ms. Wickens moved to accept the motion and Ms. Steele seconded the motion to present their request to the Commission. In addition, Commissioner Lockhart suggested a meeting with Brad Link, public services director, to understand logistics. Mr. Harris recommended that the Board members attend the Commission meeting on June 26, to make a presentation at the beginning. Commissioner Lockhart will make a motion for consideration at the next Commission meeting on May 22.

Ms. Steele indicated that she attended the *Friends of the Jackson Street Pier and Shoreline Drive Rehabilitation* meeting and expressed that she is impressed with the time and attention that the design firm is dedicating to the project. She is confident that they have everyone's best interest in-mind with current planning process.

Mr. Berquist motioned to adjourn meeting. Ms. Wickens moved to accept his motion and Ms. Steele seconded. Meeting adjourned at 1:31 PM.

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Jeffrey Berquist  
Chairperson

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Elisabeth Sowecke  
Clerk