

City of Sandusky
ADA Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2016 at 3:00pm
Meeting Location: City Greenhouse

Members Present: Mr. Terry Michaels, Ms. Carol Steele, Mr. Robert Egger, Ms. Kathleen Wickens, Ms. Diane Corso and Commissioner Greg Lockhart.

Members Excused: Mr. Gary Guendelsburger

Members Absent: Ms. Martha Thompson

Staff Member: Clerk – Megan Stookey

Mr. Egger called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. and roll was taken. Mr. Egger moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, November 19, 2015, as presented. There were no objections or corrections from members; therefore the minutes were approved as presented.

Under Administrative Reports, Mr. Egger gave an update on the City's review of boards and commissions, including a response letter received from Commissioner Murray. In the letter the Commission expressed their thanks to the board and how the board serves a very important purpose. In addition, after reviewing the board it was decided that member terms should be increased from two – three years.

Commissioner Lockhart expressed his gratitude to the advisory board and explained the importance the board plays in the community by being a voice for individuals who don't feel comfortable voicing their concerns. He went on to ask the board what concerns they have within the community regarding accessibility. Mr. Egger explained they have compiled lists in the past, with the most recent one being presented to the Director of Public Services, Brad Link at the October meeting. Some examples were given;

- No accessibility to the shelter at the Shelby Street Boat Ramp
- The need for more handicap parking spaces on the police station side of the municipal building
- The benches at Lions Park not having concrete pads to connect to the sidewalk
- Location of the handicap button for the front door at City Hall is in a bad location
- Accessibility issues at Battery Park to access the pier
- Sidewalk going into the street at Market & Wayne Streets by Subway has a steep slope causing people to be thrown from wheelchairs
- Making the gazebo in Washington Park handicap accessible
- Shoreline Park there is no accessibility to the end of the pier

- Sidewalk going into the street on Market Street (same side as Register) is too steep causing people to be thrown from wheelchairs

Commissioner Lockhart asked the board how they would identify issues within the City. Mr. Egger responded years ago the board used to take a bus around the City to review different areas and then make recommendations to the Commission. Now the board simply makes personal observations and reports them to the Commission Liaison. Commissioner Lockhart suggested the board prioritize their recommendations into a color system and create a system of what is the most important.

Commissioner Lockhart asked how the board brings awareness to the community about what the board does. Mr. Egger responded they set up a booth at the Fourth of July Festival downtown. Commissioner Lockhart made note the twenty-fifth anniversary of ADA is this year, he suggests the board host a celebration event and invite other organizations in the City to help. Ms. Corso commented the date of the anniversary is July 26, 2016, as stated on the ADA federal website.

Mr. Egger moved on to discuss committee reports. There were no reports available at the time for the Parking Committee, Transportation Advisory Committee, Lion's Park Renovations and the SPARC Committee. Mr. Egger provided an update on the Consolidated Plan Advisory Committee regarding CDBG funding; at the last meeting they did not spend \$195,000.00 of 2015 grant funding and put that towards \$125,000 demolition and \$71,000 to purchase the old Dick Schwab Insurance Building. They are now planning for the next round of funding, Mr. Egger suggests we recommend they make the Cemetery office and the Gazebo in Washington Park ADA accessible. The next meeting for CDBG funding is February 26th from 9:00am – 10:30am at Fire Station Number 1 on Washington Street. Ms. Corso commented she will attend the meeting and act as a representative for the ADA Board.

Mr. Egger moved on to old business starting with the election of officers, Mr. Egger was voted in as Chairman with no objections, Mr. Michaels was voted in as Vice-Chairman with no objections and Ms. Carol Steele was voted Member Recorder with no objections.

Mr. Egger moved on to discuss access to and usability of City facilities. There has been some question whether and how the Cemetery office makes accommodation for ADA accessibility; Mr. Michaels volunteered to make a trip out to the Cemetery office to assess the property and inquire about this.

Mr. Egger asked the board for ideas on appropriate recognition of Dr. Linz's leadership and contributions to the board. Mr. Egger thought making the gazebo accessible would be a good project; Mr. Michaels said he would reach out to the veterans group to see if they could help with funding.

Mr. Egger moved on to discuss the adoption of rules and procedures; it is unclear to the board if these have been adopted. The ADA Advisory Board may have voted to approve the rules and procedures at the November, 2013 meeting. They are waiting on word from the Law Department if these procedures and rules need to be approved by the City Commission.

Under new business, Ms. Wickens asked why there are no handicap parking places in the middle of Columbus Ave and suggested three spots be taken up to create two handicap spots. Mr. Egger responded this has come up in conversation in the past, the street has a slope towards the water and putting a spot in the middle creates a liability issue. That is why there are spots around the corner on Market Street. Mr. Egger went on to say we could look into them putting more handicap parking spots in the City lot behind Daly's, you could then use the alley as an access point to the middle of Columbus Ave. Ms. Corso also suggested placing signage on Columbus Ave letting people know handicap parking places are located on Market Street.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm .

Meeting Time 56 minutes

Robert Egger
Chairperson

Megan Stookey
Clerk