

PORTLAND CITIZENS DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
1221 SW 4th Ave., Portland, OR 97204

Meeting Minutes 02/13/07

The Portland Citizens Disability Advisory Committee Meeting was held on February 13, 2007, at Portland City Hall, 1221 SW 4th Avenue, Portland, Oregon, in the Lovejoy Room.

Committee Members present: Trish Baker, Ann Bazel, Hank Bennett, Jan Campbell, Nickole Cheron, Roxie Choroser, Lynne Calloway, David Halseth , Joan Hansen, Nancy Hesselman, Michael Levine, Anne O'Malley, Beth Omansky, Martha Simpson and Steve Weiss

Committee Members excused absence: Mike Delman.

Committee Members not present: Lynne Calloway and Mike Delmar

Committee Chair Jan Campbell called meeting to order at 1:45 PM.

Discussion Item: Jan requested that all materials that were to be on any agenda be sent a minimum of one (1) week in advance. Emergency data would be acceptable. Any special presentation material will be held by presenter for discussion and reported on, if said material was not able to be sent out one week prior to committee regularly scheduled meeting.

All materials to be included on the regularly scheduled committee meeting agenda, must be submitted a minimum of one (1) week in advance. If not submitted one (1) week prior to the meeting the presenter is responsible for bring enough materials for the committee to the meeting for discussion. Exceptions may be made for emergency data.

ID Badges Trish commented that members attending committee meetings should be prepared to expect delays due to not having an ID badge. The discussion around ID Badges was held. Nickole indicated that funds would be better spent on business card. The committee voted to not move forward on the ID badges. Future research will determine the outcome of the business cards.

Agenda Finalize the mission statement, Finalize committee structure and bylaws. Subcommittee priority issues for the year.

Public Comment No public comment was entered during the Portland Citizens Disability Advisory Committee on February 13, 2007.

Mission Statement

No finalization on the mission statement has been made. The mission statement for the committee was discussed. David Halseth suggested that the mission statement should include a phrase from the By-Laws and that a tagline be developed to use in publications. This idea was seconded by Ann O'Malley. The outcome came about with a vote the committee accepted the vote and Beth Omansky suggested using a small c regarding the mission statement, meaning not city in general. Teresa seconded. The outcome is still in discussion. Beth Omansky proposed a vision statement, which was rejected. Further more in-depth conversation of the Bylaws and mission statement will be discussed at the next full committee meeting.

By-Laws

Jan Campbell discussed the finalization of the Bylaws. It was noted that five (5) subcommittee bylaws were standing with advocacy in its own category. It was suggested and opposed that Parks and Recreation be added. A discussion around how advocacy is linked to all subcommittee bylaws. This issue will be moved for discussion at the March meeting.

Nickole Cheron questioned if the committee is empowered to elect its own members, and if so what were the term limits and that it should be added to bylaws. She also suggested the committee take a retreat to work out all of the details of the bylaws. It was decided that this meeting take place after March 7th 2007.

Events

Jan confirmed that the presentation to council would take place on March 7th with exact time to be announced.

Committee would like to have interrupter, all members agreed. Real time captioning will be accessible at the meeting.

Community Outreach

Ann indicated that subcommittee priorities for 2007 as; when the City of Portland holds events subcommittees for those events would be formed. This would allow a more efficient process of community known annual events in regards to money, venues, and etc. Joan seconded idea. This will all be determined at a further time.

Meetings

The Executive Committee will meet in the attorney's small conference room in their library on the fourth floor, Portland City Hall for the Feb meeting..

The following is a schedule of meetings of the subcommittees:

Transportation Subcommittee: Monthly every third Wednesday, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at Portland City Hall in the Lovejoy room.

Education and Awareness Subcommittee: Monthly 4th Monday, 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. at the Portland City Hall in the Pettygrove room.
(Please note that the 2/26 which will be in the Rose room)

The Communication and Outreach Committee broadcast their meeting dates for February.

**Transportation
Discussion Item**

Priority issues for 2007, Curb cuts and ramps, Tri-Met new mall area, audible and safe crosswalks. New light rail cars, suggested that the door and ramp button on light rail car instead of on the side of the light rail car. It was added that not all of the Tri Met Buses have ramps.

It should be noted that at this time it is not clear if the requested copy of the City's Transition Plan was received.

**Housing
Discussion Item**

Steve Weiss addressed the Housing Committee's 2007 priorities. Weiss would like to propose a change of date for the Accessible Housing Inventory from June 7, 2007 to June 30, 2007. The committee is currently developing a plan for displaced tenants when manufactured home parks are sold. The committee is planning to ask city council to adopt a Disability Ordinance requirement. Increase access to the availability of utility and energy assistance. More publicly and added pressure on non-shut off information.

Action Item

It was proposed that more information about possible equal bill pay (PGE) Medical Exemptions, and non-shut off. Weiss opposed the equal bill pay stating that the rate would be the same in the winter as in the summer. Nickole Cheron agreed with Weiss.

Communication

Listserve will soon be eliminated and will be replaced with new programs, due to the very high level of spam. Nickole Cheron indicated that she is currently researching alternative programs. She also suggested the restricted Blog area on the disability website might be an option. She will find out the details and information needed to use the Blog and is hoping to have an administrator to demonstrate.

M.S. Awareness week March 5 – 11, 2007.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.