Disability Advisory Committee
Hale Center Conference Room
February 28, 2020, 11 am

In attendance:
Members: Barry Steinhardt, Susan Ardendell, Larry Franklin, Dale Boggs
Guest: Heidi Jetton
City: Terri Kearnes, Jeff Gow

Absent: Trish Hambridge (unexcused), Mary Twohey (unexcused)

Call to Order: 11:08

Minutes:
January minutes had not been distributed, consensus to delay approval till next month.

Introduction - each member stated name and brief intro.

New Member: announced Larry Franklin approval by commission.

Stadium Review: Barry and Dale gave results of stadium visit. For most part positive review. Main issue of negative review was ADA parking spaces; count went from 14 parking spaces to 4 parking spaces after increased capacity by aver 50%. Shelby, main guy, at stadium indicated they would consider Dales idea to convert onsite parking to ADA on stadium day. (On game day, not done) discussed effects of parking across the street on challenges people.

- Follow thru - Barry motioned, Dale second, vote passed. Agreed to send notice to commission with specific information and recommendations for improvement.
- Special notation: visits to stadium on game days indicate no changes have been made that were identified. Signage is lacking, trash cans are still on floors of bathrooms, no hearing assist. Additional issue spotted was the ramp from bar is too great a run not to have a level area mid ramp. Drop off has no signage and was improperly used by not being recognized and used as a party zone parked during game.

Housing: Committee agreed to take on as new project and asked members to research how other cities have adopted standards to assist challenged residents.

Term limits: Questions were raised about members timing out, Terry's info didn't agree with members and additional research is required.

Dale requested clarification on absence rules. The rule is after 3 consecutive unexcused absence member is removed. It was decided Barry could create a form letter is be used after second unexcused absence. Discussion followed about need for committee records and documents to establish and maintain long term adherence. Project to be handled by secretary position.

Dale asked Terri for follow up on attendance by phone. Terri read the response. (Included is conclusion by attorney)

“In my opinion, because there is no ADA requirement that states an accommodation for board members to appear electronically is required, and in fact, state statute and multiple AGOs require a physical presence of a quorum; no exception should be made. However, an exception could be
allowed for members that are ill, provided that a physical quorum is still present at the public meeting."

New member: Barry requested motion to accept Heidi Jetton as new member, Larry motioned, Susan second, passed.

Events: Dale passed out photos from 2020 Mardi Gras event. Photos showed the main bath rooms closed with a paper sign taped to door. Blockage of path to portables by dump truck. Lack of accessible portables. No hand washing station. Discussion followed about the different ways this affected challenged people. Special discussion about hand wash station and virus outbreak. This needs to be researched (state health department regulations).

- Follow thru - Terry offered to follow up with the city committee that oversees events held in the city. Discussion about an ADA person attending or the chairman of committee attending our meeting.

Informational Items:

Dale identified a series of utube videos created at the University of Georgia. The title: Principles of Universal Design. Dale asked members to watch videos for future discussion and consideration.

Barry motioned to adjourn. Larry accepted. 12:18 pm.
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