

Montpelier ADA Committee
December 13, 2016
Subject to review and approval

Attendance: Tom McArdle, Diane Richardson, Chris Lumbra, Marty Roberts, Kevin Casey, Arne McMullen, Franklin Shiner.

Approve the agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

Introductions and Welcome

Meeting called to order by Franklin Shiner, Chair.

Opportunity for public comment

There were no community members in attendance nor any written comments submitted. Diane asked how the committee would get information to the public. The City Manager sends out a weekly newsletter. The city's website has an ADA page. Tom will check if he's listed as the city's ADA coordinator on the website.

There has been a plan to meet with City Council, which will help get out the word.

ADA Committee Priorities

Kevin spoke to someone at the Institute of Human Centered Design on cost estimates for the transition plan. The estimate was \$ 50k. There are grants available – Municipal Planning Grants for the planning and the Community Development Program for the actual work. Franklin will check with VCIL for any resources and report the information back to Tom. There is \$ 10,000 in the budget for ADA in the Capital Improvement Plan that could be tagged for a match for any grants. This should be on the City Council agenda for January during the budget process.

The CIP is talking about \$ 50k for a feasibility study for facilities (Recreation Dept).

Updates from Committee Members

Chris reported many privately owned buildings are being renovated and updated with accessibility.

Arne reported there is now an ADA compliant paved walkway at the pool to the pavilion which was completed over the summer.

Tom heard a news report that there is profiteering going on with lawsuits on ADA compliance settlements by unscrupulous law firms. There are also people who are using the handicapped placards with no disabilities.

There has been a lot of sidewalk work done over the last summer. There will be more sidewalk work done in 2017 particularly in the downtown as well as along Elm St & Northfield St. All of the crosswalk curb cuts will be redone where adjacent to the re-paving or reconstruction projects.

Review and Approve Meeting Minutes from October 4, 2016

Diane made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Tom seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Confirm Next Meeting Date

March 14th at 10 am.

Adjourn

Tom made a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Tami Furry
Recording Secretary