



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final-revised

Committee for Citizens with Disabilities

Wednesday, August 26, 2020

8:00 AM

*In an effort to be as safe as possible from the spread of COVID-19, the Committee for Citizens with Disabilities meeting will be conducted through video conferencing. The meeting can be viewed and listened to through the following link:
<https://stream.lifesizecloud.com/extension/3010241/b4028f50-5227-4375-95ca-1d32c8187d40>*

Call to Order

Mayor Kabat called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

Roll Call

Others present: Andrea Trane, Jack Zabrowski, Doug Kerns.

Present: 9 - Rhonda Staats, Larry Slezniow, Mary Bakalars, Sue Gilbert, Jeff Nylander, Jason Mickelson, Richard Chrz, Chelsey Myhre-Foster, Catlyn Cornelius

Introductions

Agenda Items:

1 [20-1185](#)

Purpose and goals for the committee

Attached resolution that talks about why we are here and what we are trying to do. Compression Planning: not made for online venues, but can try using that. Identifies goals, takes a six to eight-month process and shrinks it to two or three meetings. Will send preliminary questionnaire.

Questions about the scope of the committee? Want to act as an information sharing body, but if there are projects individuals want to be involved in, we want to know about that.

Very important for anyone in the City who has a disability and has questions to get those answered. Group to act as a resource to the community. Contact numbers provided to the public.

Important to reach out to the deaf community and have good representation. Black/Indigenous/POC – no representation, would like to have more representation of cultural backgrounds. Restructuring or more recruitment if the group allows.

Online forum – great to have some type of forum website where our contact information can be listed, and committee members listed as admins to help assist with questions.

Discuss educational opportunities at next meeting - talk about the City's Capital Budget process. Will be starting 2022 capital budget in December. A re-cap of budget process and will have opportunities to discuss where committee can advocate.

Rebuilding of intersection at 4th and King – emergency sewer repair. Those four corners were rebuilt to the new ADA standards that came into place in the last couple of years. Evidence of the work that is happening right now.

Jack to share compression planning homework for exercise next time.

2 [20-1186](#)

Lifesize platform and scheduling accessibility

Challenge of trying to do team building and goal identification via remote.

Concerns with doodle poll to pick meeting time.

Not many accessibility features for Lifesize. No captioning or an easy way to get an interpreter.

City is looking at other platform options.

Hope is for the next meeting to include a new platform or a work-around in place to have everyone fully participate in these types of meetings.

3 [20-1187](#)

Future meeting date and agenda

Decision made to have regular meetings on the last Wednesday of every month at 8 a.m. Next meeting will be September 23rd at 8:00 a.m.

A more regular schedule is better for participation and quorums and for the community.

Future agenda items: goal setting and compression planning, update on ADA transition plan at some point, Western TC project – (assessments of accessibility and challenges in community)

Richard Chrz to share in the future, internships – universities always looking for projects to work with, working with veteran groups to help with accessibility and keep those individuals in their homes, a list of groups/connections would be a good start.

Survey to be sent out via email with a Word attachment to committee members

Committee/contact information to be sent out to the committee.

Disability action network meeting - next meeting on 3pm on September 21st. Whole coulee region. Focus has been on advocacy and accessible polling places. Chelsey to send a Zoom link to everyone.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 a.m.

Notice is further given that members of other governmental bodies may be present at the above scheduled meeting to gather information about a subject over which they have decision-making responsibility.

NOTICE TO PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY

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