

Portland Disability Advisory Committee

February 3, 2016

11 am – Noon

Room 24 Portland City Hall

Meeting Minutes

Present: Michelle Ames, Michael Russell, Karen McPhee, Renee Berry-Huffman, Karen Perry, Steve Leighton (parent and president of woodfords and oak dale neighborhood association), Roseanne Gray, and Jill Johanning.

Guests: Greg Jordan, and Glen Fenton Portland METRO

1. Reviewed and approved minutes from December
The committee is still in need of official secretary that could help with meeting notes.
2. Cochair update: new chairs are Renee Berry-Huffman and Karen Perry
3. METRO Update

Bus Stop Snow Removal

A List of the bus stops that get shoveled was provided to Mike; however more details are still needed about that list. The bus stop list does not include stops located near driveways with thought that riders would just use the cleared driveway for access. METRO also met with city public works for helping with snow removal; however public works has old equipment and would not be able to take on additional scope for snow clearing. Metro crews clearing stops as of now, with focus at high school stops, still working on list and capabilities for snow removal.

Bus operator training

Training for 52 bus operators for awareness and understanding. Renee offered to forward to Glen an old training that she has done in the past for review by metro for use with trainings.

Freeport Express Bus

Glen announced the Freeport Express (with wifi and charging stations on bus) new bus with 2 wheelchair tie down locations coming this May/June; \$3 full fare, \$1.50 reduced, stop locations in Freeport: Freeport library, LL Bean ski and sport store, Freeport town hall, and LL Bean head quarters. There will be more details at the next meeting.

Metro still exploring possibility of working with other area bus providers.

4. Portland

Portland RFP for City Accessibility Survey

Mike and Karen McPhee working on RFP for survey, and meeting with city manager in February. Question if scope will include city sidewalks? Scope will depend on city managers priorities for facilities to be reviewed.

Polling places also a concern for access, and it was suggested to indenting concerns with Disability Rights Maine who is working on voting rights.

City comprehensive plan has committee had input to city? Planning department reports to state.

1. **Parking Committee – No Update**
2. **Livability Survey – No Update**
3. **Snow Removal – No Update**
4. **Other business**

Michelle shared an example from Portland, Oregon where they were the first city to require closed captions on all public TVs, and would like Portland, Maine to also consider this requirement:

http://www.oregonlive.com/portland/index.ssf/2015/12/portland_captions_public_place.html

Announcements:

Next meeting March 2, 2016 with City Mayor