CITY OF PEORIA
Mayor’s Advisory Committee for Citizens with Disabilities

DATES SET:

Tuesday, July 10, 2018 @ 4:00p.m.
REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING – To be held at Peoria City Hall, 419 Fulton Street, Conference Room #404, Peoria, Illinois 61602

Tuesday, August 14, 2018 @ 4:00p.m.
REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING – To be held at Peoria City Hall, 419 Fulton Street, Conference Room #404, Peoria, Illinois 61602

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MEETING AGENDA
JUNE 12, 2018
4:00 p.m.

PEORIA CITY HALL, CONFERENCE ROOM #404

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES/DISCUSSION NOTES

May 8, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

COMMUNITY INPUT (20 Minutes)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

CityLink – CityLift bus issues. Possible action.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

ADJOURNMENT

UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS

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OFFICIAL MINUTES

The meeting was held on May 8, 2018, at 4:03 p.m., at Peoria City Hall, 419 Fulton St., Room #404. Committee Member Laurie Atkinson, Chair presided.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following:

Committee members present: Laurie Atkinson, Kaye Berry, Amr Elsamny, Doris Hayes, Ashonta Huddleston, Melynda McKeever and Mike Van Cleve – 7.

Committee members absent: Kendra Moses-Hagan – 1.

Guest Suzy Finigan, EPiC Representative; Interim City staff Liaison Nick Stoffer, Traffic Engineer; Steve Letsky, City Project Leader; Patti Pitcher, Interim Recording Secretary were also present.

MINUTES

Ms. Huddleston motioned to approve the April 17, 2018 Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Ms. Hayes.

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

COMMUNITY INPUT

Ms. Hayes introduced guest speaker Susy Finigan of EPiC. [Handouts distributed.] Ms. Finigan spoke on “Spring Health Behavioral Health & Integrated Care” in the Peoria area, a for-profit agency, where the caseload is 250+ of which 90% is dually-diagnosed. The Peoria area agencies need therapists and psychiatrists locally as well as assistance for the adult population. [Presentation ended at 4:25 p.m.]

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Update on University of Illinois Main St. Project. Possible Action
Mr. Van Cleve reported the students made their presentations on May 2nd and commended them on their high level of inclusiveness including short-, mid- and long-term solutions. On May 11th there will be a meeting with U of I and iTTeam on how to bridge the gap and move forward.

Mr. Van Cleve appreciated Mr. Stoffer’s attendance to view the mock-ups. Mr. Stoffer stated the effort goes hand-in-hand. The community pilot project provides great benefits at low cost for the W. Main Street corridor. It was refreshing to see what the University had to offer and that it was well attended by the public, important for public buy-in.

2. McArthur Bridge Project Update

Mr. Stoffer introduced Mr. Steve Letsky, the City’s Project Leader for this project. Mr. Letsky gave a quick re-cap of the project which started early April 2018. The bridge will be rebuilt with its historic features and while the pedestrian/vehicular traffic should be open by mid- or late November 2018, the green areas will be finished in Spring 2019.

Furthermore, the East side will have a dual-lane bike trail. West side will have a crash-rated wall, a 6-foot wide sidewalk (which didn’t exist previously) and a parapet wall. Handicap access can follow the road gradient which by law is 9%.

The ADA-accessible routed pathways are currently marked by sidewalk signage detours:

Coming from the north would be: easterly on Moss Avenue, Southerly on Union and Westerly down Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and around the job site. Coming from the south would be: existing sidewalk on John Gwynn, westerly to Saratoga, northerly up Saratoga and around job site through the neighborhood.

Mr. Van Cleve confirmed that under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Pedestrian Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG), there are two provisions that prevent communities from building accessible routes that are technically inadequate or a
financial burden for its respective geography and is overseen by the United States Access Board.

Discussion was had regarding the presence of rats. Mr. Letsky stated there haven't been any sightings during this project, likely because the bridge is over a roadway, not water.

Mr. Letsky took the opportunity to inform the Committee that reconstruction of Allen Road at Willow Knolls road will commence in early June 2018. There will be a public meeting held on Tuesday, May 16 at 6:00pm at the K of C Hall on Radnor Road. The Public Works Department is already working on logistics for this upcoming project with CityLink, Police, Fire and other critical agencies.

3. Goals for 2018. Possible Action

Ms. Hayes stated she submitted two goals with S.M.A.R.T. breakdowns. (1) Develop and participate in six trainings to education the community on the purpose of the MACCD and (2) Increase Premise Alert participants by 10% for the City of Peoria by December 31, 2018. [Premise Alert allows families to file information with their local Police and Fire departments to alert emergency personnel a household member has special needs. This prevents households from being targeted and allows emergency personnel to be prepared appropriately (i.e., secure a specialist as needed).

Mr. Van Cleve made a Motion to approve the goals "as is" for implementation by the Committee; seconded by Ms. McKeever.

Approved by unanimous voice vote.


Mr. Stoffer distributed the Resolution drafted for Committee review, feedback and possible approval. Draft included the preliminary letter by the Peoria Kids are Heroes Committee but Ms. Berry stated that there is now a final draft of the letter that should be used instead. She will send it to Ms. Pitcher tomorrow.
After reviewing the document, Ms. Hayes made a Motion to approve the Resolution “as is,” with the exception of attached the updated letter; seconded by Ms. Huddleston. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. McKeever brought it to the Committee’s attention she’s received complaints about the timeliness of the CityLift busses. She explained there’s an allotted 30-minute window. In one case, the citizen missed an appointment as a result. This is an ongoing problem. Ms. Berry acknowledged she’s had similar issues and has spoken with Angel, the General Manager at CityLift. Mr. Van Cleve suggested inviting a representative to attend the next meeting to brainstorm on how to work together better. He also noted that if they are defensive, progress won’t be made. Ms. Hayes said she works closely with them and can give them a heads up on the intention of the meeting invitation.

Discussion was had whether or not CityLift has trackable data for pinpointing the problems. Ms. Huddleston said she also has potential resources she can provide, to which Mr. Van Cleve was receptive.

Mr. Stoffer agreed meeting with CityLift is the best approach to resolving these issues but asks that the Committee coordinate with City staff. No objections.

PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approval of the May 8, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. CityLink – CityLift issues to be addressed with representative

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Hayes motioned to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Van Cleve. Meeting adjourned at 5:00p.m.

NEXT MEETING DATE

June 12, 2018