

CITY OF BARRE
ADA Committee
MINUTES
March 25, 2021

Location of meeting - ZOOM

PRESENT: Ericka Reil, Marichel Vaught, Bernadette Rose

ABSENT: Hillary Cole, Dena Estivil, Janell Perry, Jeff Bergeron (city liason)

1. Call to Order: 10:03

2. Adjustments to the Agenda: Marichel has updates for Ed.projects with D & E com. Bern moved Old Business items, 4b, 4c, 4d, 4e, 4f be placed after New Business. 2nd- Marichel. Approved.

3. Approval of last meeting minutes:

4. Old Business: placed after New Business

A. Grievances: Jeff is not here – no grievances

5. New Business:

A: Develop Mission Statement – “The Mission of the ADA committee works to support all levels of accessibility and safety, for residents and visitors of the Barre Community, falling within the purview of the City.”

B: Develop Priorities of the ADA for FY2021-22

1. Build working relationship with GMT

2. a. Improve City website making it more ADA compliant, accessible with audio files and widgets for scan readers. –(Use COVID funds?.)

b. Recommend City use the VT Alert system for all emergency reasons such as “boil water” notices and other critical information, as part of ADA compliance for accessibility.

3. Completion of Transition Plan

4. Collaborate with TAC committee re: Pedestrian Safety Campaign.

5. Collaborate with Diversity & Equity Committee re: Education Project.

6. Offer information and support to other City Committees as requested by them. ADA will reach out to Committee Chairs with this availability.

7. Actively recruit 2-3 more community members for ADA.

C. Ericka spoke of the AARP grant. 300 people will be coming out of housing in motels who will require multiple services, and many of them have disabilities. Because of COVID services are spread out, difficult to access. The grant would be to create a "one stop shop" at Aldrich Library, which has donated space & utilities, that also meets COVID restrictions. Grant would pay for a staff person and computer who would assist coordination of services. Local non-profits are aware and in support. Marichel offered to work on grant with Ericka.

D. Charge: The ADA committee reviews and make recommendations to City Council, and collaborates with City planning and City committees, regarding ADA-related issues that fall within the purview of the City.

E. ADA Logo deferred to next meeting

4. OLD BUSINESS:

4b- transition plan – see item 5b-3

4c – TAC will discuss Bern request for Ped. Safety Campaign at next TAC meeting

4d – nothing to report on GMT – listed as priority 5b-1

4e – Consider COVID funds for building in accessibility

4f – Permit requirements for banners - deferred as Jeff is absent

6. Next Steps:

a. write AARP grant, get to Council April 8.

b. work with Jody to update ADA committee web page. Archive survey info, add New Charge once approved & New Mission Statement once approved.

7. Next Meeting Date: April 15, 2021

8. Round Table: Marichel shared a BIPOC group is starting in the Barre/Montpelier Area in support of BIPOC and White parents of BIPOC children.

9. Adjourn: 11:03

Respectfully Submitted:
Bern Rose, sec.