

CITY OF BARRE
ADA Committee
MINUTES
September 16, 2021

PRESENT: Ericka Reil, Dena Estivil, Marichel Vaught, Jeff Bergeron, Bernadette Rose

ABSENT: Hillary Cole

1. Call to Order: 10:07
2. Adjustments to the Agenda: Move item 5 A up to Grievances
3. Approval of last meeting minutes: Ericka moved, Bern seconded.
4. Old Business:

A. Grievances:

Dena- flashing yellow light needed – in front of Dollar General (very dark – or better lighting)
(Meeting paused to clear “Zoom Bomb”)
Bern – Allen St Pedestrian safety – there is none. TAC also looking at this, and other pedestrian safety issues.

B. Diversity & Equity Com UPDATE –Marichel is stepping down as D&E committee co-chair – will participate as working member as able (non-voting), will lead CV BIPOC group, and focus on other work priorities.

5. New Business:

A: Crosswalk painting, GMT, etc Bill reported via email to Ericka, “I hope to have it done before the seasonal shut down this year. I am also looking to convert the No Seminary refuge to a permanent structure and add bulb-outs on Ayers and Washington St. (NBM) GMT was not supportive of relocating the bus stop, but I will renew that effort. I will get a fixed date for you within the next week.”

Marichel suggests we find a way to get statistics and experiences to share with GMT regarding the bus stop across from NBM Bern suggests enlisting Dena & Hillary in this.

Bern & Dena – Can we possibly join with TAC on this issue?

B: All In For Barre Community Forum feedback – next will be Sept. 29th hybrid.

Marichel attended re: aging – implementing Senior Advisory committee/engaging youth with elders. Re: D & E inclusion – made her think about stepping back to refocus her efforts Bern liked the format and facilitators, felt the forum was positive. Ericka reported having discussions to advocate for interpreters and hybrid meetings (still working on accessibility) There was cc. Ericka advocates for money in city council budget for interpreters and this will be an earmark budget line.

6. Next Meeting Date: October 21, 2021

7. Round Table: Bern shared concerns regarding folks in the community who express that funding for accessibility is a waste of money, and the importance of ADA.

8. Adjourn: 10:57 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Bern Rose, Sec.