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**CITY OF PITTSBURGH**  
**ADA Strategic Planning Team**  
**April 25, 2011**  
**MINUTES**

**Location:** First Floor Conference Room  
Civic Building, 200 Ross Street

**Members Present:** Lauren Beck from Bureau of Building Inspection, Roy Cox from Emergency Medical Services, Dawn Jakomas from Equal Opportunity Review Commission, Ryszard Janik from Department of Public Works, Richard Meritzer ADA Coordinator from City Planning, Eric Miazga from CIS, Connie Zatek from Human Relations Commission

**Members Absent:** Anthony Boule from Parking Authority, Barbara Curry from Water and Sewer Authority, Ron Deutsch from Department of Parks and Recreation, Darnell Griffin-Benton from Urban Redevelopment Authorities, Regina McDonald from Policy Department, Sherilyn Mannion from 311, Sandra Stewart from Housing Authority, Jason Zollett from Law Department,

**FOLLOW-UP FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

ADA office will follow up with the information regarding Washington Conference and Baker Reports.

**ADA COORDINATOR'S REPORT: FACILITY SURVEY**

ADA office reported that they have finished the facility survey in Franklin Environmental Center, Allegheny Senior Center, Hazelwood Senior Center, fire stations and number of avenues. They have filled down the checklist for the Department of Justice. One result of the survey is 100 standard restroom signs were purchased by City Parks. ADA office appreciated City Parks and Fire Department for helping them doing this.

**INTERPRETING CONTRACT**

The City received permission for an interpreting contract which is budgeted for including interpreting and captioning. ADA office will arrange accommodations for any public meetings upon 3-days notice.

**OPEN DISCUSSION**

This year, Disability Mentoring Day is October 19, 2011, during which departments take students with disabilities to their offices, showing them how they work. It was a big

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success last year. The person who was assigned to the police department actually drove around with the chief of police doing spotting inspections. She returned feeling very good, very proud of herself. She is helping to inspect the stations. The teacher said it gives students a lot self-worth, they attend class better afterwards and they feel better afterwards. The idea is to show them there is nothing they can't handle, because through out their life, they have been talked a lot about what they cant' do. ADA office will be in charge of this event again this year and encourage all departments to sponsor a couple of students.

It was suggested that ADA put redacted minutes of public meetings and information about accessibility on their website page so that the disability community is better informed about what was happening.

As far as the National Veterans Wheelchair Games, no further information has been released about four proposals because of a shortage of staff. ADA office will work on that as No. 1 priority once new staff comes next month. They have already done the ground work and need only to follow up.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:48 PM