

CITY OF PITTSBURGH
ADA Strategic Planning Team
November 22, 2011
MINUTES

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

Members Present: Anthony Boule from Parking Authority, Evan Gross ADA Policy Assistant from City Planning, Richard Meritzer ADA Coordinator from City Planning

Members Absent: Lauren Beck from Bureau of Building Inspection, Roy Cox from Emergency Medical Services, Ron Deutsch from Department of Parks and Recreation, Darnell Griffin-Benton from Urban Redevelopment Authorities, Dawn Jakomas from Equal Opportunity Review Commission, Ryszard Janik from Department of Public Works, Patricia Melendez from Bureau of Police, Regina McDonald from Policy Department, Eric Miazga from CIS, Sherilyn Mannion from 311, April Schillinger from Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority, Sandra Stewart from Housing Authority, Jason Zollett from Law Department, Connie Zatek from Human Relations Commission

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Meritzer at 11:15 AM.

ZOOMTEXT REVIEW:

Mr. Meritzer gave a synopsis of the Zoomtext webinar that he and his interns took part in. Mr. Meritzer invited the rest of the Strategic Planning Committee to participate and the two city employees with known disabilities to attend but no one else attended. After the webinar Mr. Meritzer's interns found the only unique feature that Zoomtext offers is offering the ability to change color contrasts. All other Zoomtext features like reading texts aloud or zooming in can be done on or through the present Windows operating platform. As a result, we do not feel that this is a worthwhile investment for the city to make.

Parks Training:

Mr. Meritzer wanted to recap the parks training but due to attendance this was omitted.

PLAN REVIEW:

Mr. Meritzer offered thanks for the contributions to the open space plan; it received a lot of comments about accessibility that weren't from him. Mr. Boule will be reviewing the MovePGH plan as it addresses on street parking that could affect the Parking Authority. According to Mr. Meritzer the City has adequate accessible on street parking. Mr. Meritzer mentioned that he and Ms. Purcell are debating ADA requirements for

accessible on street parking. Mr. Meritzer lauded the parking authority garages are in good shape, the main lots that affect the Disabled community are SEA operated lots.

SUMMARY:

Not interested in purchasing Zoomtext software.
Next meeting should be in February.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.