

CAPITAL AREA TRANSIT
PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

CAT Conference Room
Tuesday, April 5th, 2016
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The CAT People with Disabilities Advisory Committee has been organized to facilitate communications between and collaboration with CAT management to improve transit services for persons with disabilities and/or persons with low incomes.

Attendance

Charles Carr	Dale Verchick	Vernae Patterson
Chris Martinelli	Elizabeth Pabon	Deb Clayton
Guy Beneventano	Bill Jones	Tom Young (AGM)
Iris Hetrick	Carolyn O'Brien	Sherry Marks
Mike Begler	Seth Ambrose	
Cathy Long		

Charles Carr served as chairman for Robert Philbin.

Mike Begler explained a “roadmap” he created for the committee to consider adopting. It would provide structure and guide us as we move forward. He also introduced a “project plan” and “risk register”. He briefly mentioned that funding may be necessary as plans progress and Bill Jones said CAT would work with us if it comes to that. Mike also proposed that sub-committees be formed to discuss each issue or milestone that will need to be completed before the project, as a whole, is completed. The sub-committees would report back to the advisory committee, at the monthly meeting, for approval to move forward. **Motion carried.** Mike Begler is Project Manager.

Seth Ambrose, CILCP, asked for volunteers to be on the first sub-committee whose task will be to create the survey. We hope CAT will get involved. The survey will identify CAT strengths and weaknesses and will include all forms of transportation. Lan Do, Disability Rights of PA, developed a rough draft on Survey Monkey.

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Elizabeth Pabon asked how she should answer transportation questions; consumers are too scared to talk directly to CAT about their various issues. A discussion followed. A brochure concerning MATP was distributed. Although the brochure seemed thorough, the committee suggested that a statement be added, affirming that riders can freely call CAT to ask for alternate accommodations if needed and that they can get written info. in any language.

Guy Beneventano, solicitor, drafted a resolution for the use and release of certain records collected or created by the advisory committee. He distributed copies. To be reviewed at a future meeting.

Final Notes...

CAT board meetings are the last Thursday of each month.
CAT Bi-laws are available upon request.

Meeting Adjourn

Carolyn OBrien, committe member