

CAPITAL AREA TRANSIT
PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

CAT Conference Room
Tuesday, June 7, 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	Elizabeth Pabon	Tom Young (AO)	Karin Caine
Howard DeHart	Vernae Patterson	Robert Philbin	Guy Beneventano
Carolyn O'Brien	Seth Ambrose	Pam Auer	Dale Verchick (phone)
Mike Begler	Bill Jones	Lan Do	Jamie Ray-Leonetti (phone)
Cathy Long	Tom Young (AGM)	Diana Deeley	

May minutes read and approved.

Guy Beneventano, solicitor, briefed the committee about "Right to Know" (RTK). He urged the committee to adopt a resolution he drafted on the subject. Copies of the resolution need to be distributed and read by the committee members before voting. Motion to adopt the resolution was tabled until the next meeting.

A web page has been set up by Lan Do, Disability Rights PA, to retain all records created by the advisory committee; planning project, roadmap, minutes, etc . A power point was shown and the web address was shared. An email will also be distributed announcing the web site address and password. Lan is the only person who can post to the site so all documents to be stored there should be sent to her.

Mike Begler updated everyone on the project plan. He introduced a "60 day forward view". It will show the tasks to be completed within each 60 day period.

The questionnaire put together by the survey subcommittee was presented via power point. Printouts were also available. Samples of the online survey were also sent out through a mass email prior to this meeting. Recommendations to possibly improve the survey were encouraged. The survey does ask for the riders name and contact info.(voluntary) for any further things they may want to discuss. A distribution subcommittee will be formed to discuss getting help for those who cannot fill out the

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survey, for whatever reason. A few changes were made to the survey and it was **approved** for distribution. CAT will post the survey website address on their buses and provide it on their website. Contact Seth Ambrose, CILCP, with the name of any organization that will participate in the distribution process.

Karin Caine announced the new CAT website. A power point followed. There is a People with Disabilities tab where you can find a list this committee's members and minutes from the monthly meetings. Let Karin know if any improvements should be made to the website. She is also in the process of making a separate website for complaints.

Pam Auer, CILCP, member of the PA Transportation Alliance, offered to relay any questions concerning budgetary issues at a June 15th meeting with PennDOT.

A recommendation was made to the mayor by Bill Jones, CAT GM, that Matthew Seeley, Esq., PA Statewide Independent Living Council, be appointed as one of the city's representatives'. This will make Mr. Seeley eligible to serve on the CAT board.

Other Notes...

If you participate in ride sharing or use public transportation twice a week, you are eligible to sign up for Emergency Ride Home (ERH). ERH does not provide transportation, it provides reimbursement for your alternative transportation. More info. can be found on the Cat website.

Meeting Adjourn

Carolyn O'Brien, committee member