D.C.C.P.D. Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 27th, 2019

# Commissioners in Attendance:

* Denise Decker
* Jeremy Mann
* Mary Wade
* Jarvis Grindstaff
* Terrance Hunter

# ODR:

* Julia Wolhandler
* Mathew McCollough
* Ashley Heuser

# Auxiliary Members:

* Barbara Cline
* Anjie Shelby

# DD Council:

* Ron Smith
* Alison Whyte
* Hannah Cary

# Excused Absence:

* Gerry Counihan
* Charlotte Clymer
* Kamilah Martin-Proctor
* Hope Fuller
* Shakira Hemphill

# Public Members:

* Iris Gomes
* Ron Farris
* Cecilia Tomney (NFB)
* Vera Demenko (Easter Seals)
* Vivian Guerra (DDOT)
* Cesar Barreto (DDOT)
* Cecilia (DC peoples council)
* William Howard (PSI Family Services)
* Interpreters
* Carl Hernandez (St. Johns)
* Jean Ash (Federal Highway Division)
* Yufanyi Nshom (DDS)
* Desire Jackson (intern DDS)
* Oliver Roy (Linner Foundation)
* Adrienne Rodriquez (OSSE)
* Gerald Barnes (Disability Collaborative/ADAPT)
* Heidi Case
* Masi Sithole

# Call to Order:

* The meeting was called to order by Julia Wolhandler at 10:07 AM

# Commissioner Roll – Call:

* + To verify **Section 6. Quorum** - The attendance of one-third (1/3) of the voting members of the DCCPD
  + Quorum: five (5) Commissioners in attendance

# Approval of May 2019 Meeting Minutes (Formal Vote): NA

# Presentation by Cesar Barreto and Vivian Guerra, Equity and Inclusion Division

# District Department of Transportation (DDOT):

* DDOT has over 1,000 employees. There are multiple divisions for various entities (example; Urban Forestry, Public Space, Equity and Inclusion Division – formally Civil Rights Division)
* The ADA transition plan (Action plan for next fiscal year and what DDOT has accomplished in the last fiscal year) is updated and submitted annually to the Federal Highway Division. The Plan requires community engagement and feedback. Part of the Plan includes the Inventory of barriers – a database and mapping-based system
  + Upcoming date for community feedback will be announced soon
* The Equity and Inclusion Division provides accommodation to staff and also works on how to remove barriers
* Cesar is also a civil engineer and works directly with architects to remove structural and physical barriers
* Section 508 Compliance in partnership with OCTO
  + Power point presentations and any information that is being pushed out is reviewed for 508 compliance
* The Equity and Inclusion Division works to ensure that ADA Title II is being implemented
* Public Engagement and outreach (going to community groups to discuss issues and things affecting the community)
* Cesar and Vivian are available to do presentations to community members
* Public Rights-of-Way (PROW) covers design and construction for sidewalk repairs, curb ramps, protruding objects, work zone obstructions, bus stops and pedestrian crossings
* DDOT is experimenting with various material for sidewalks
* Any issues that community member see or have should be reported through 311
* Multimodal Accessibility Advisory Council (MAAC) – Advisory body to the Mayor. Currently comprised of 6 advocates from the disability community. There is an opening if anyone is interested in applying
* Vision Zero – The District as a whole is working to reduce fatalities and serious injuries to zero
* Mobility Devices – introducing adaptive bikes and working with DPR to do this. A survey was sent out a few months ago on the types of bikes community members would use. To submit general feedback, email: [dockless.mobility@dc.gov](mailto:dockless.mobility@dc.gov). Also directly contact the company for dock less bikes and scooters to let them know about any issues
* Curbside Management: Pick/Up and Drop/Off. Red top meters are designated accessible parking for people with disabilities who have an accessibility placard. There is an ongoing curbside management roundtable
* Autonomous Vehicles – Currently testing and piloting in the District
* File a complaint – [ddot.ada@dc.gov](mailto:ddot.ada@dc.gov); 202-671-2829 and use 311 to report any issues
* **Question:** Special Parking Permit (handicapped parking) must go through an attorney now to get that but before this was not a requirement?
* **Answer:** Reserved residential parking permit. You do not need to go through an attorney. You must go online and verify that you are a District resident and answer questions regarding your disability to verify medical condition and need for permit.
* **Question:** Is DDOT creating more technology for accessible transport?
* **Answer:** Yes. Creating a blue tooth version of the push device for walking across street that a pedestrian would use and when getting close to the cross walk it will alert the timer and cross signal and audible cross. If you have recommendations for new tech or ideas let us know.
* **Question:** Pedestrian and older adult whose husband is an older adult with a cane. Some cross walks have the “walk man” but don’t show the seconds. Why can’t all of the cross walks have seconds?
* **Answer:** Guidance of the law doesn’t require timing to show. DC is taking an initiative to show timing on cross walks. Send specific locations of where there are not timed cross walks to DDOT
* **Questions:** Quiet Cars? For people who are blind or low vison and are not able to hear the motors of quiet cars.
* **Answer:** Quiet cars are the new electronic cars that do not have an engine roaring. We are looking into it but the car driver should abide by the law. Creating no turns on red throughout the District. Can be brought up to the Vision Zero Task Group.
* **Question:** Four - way cross walk on Florida Ave and 6th Street. The braille buttons don’t inform you which street cross walk you are requesting for. It has been reported.
* **Answer:** Current status of 6th and Florida, non-compliant due to right-of-way issues. Improvements are currently happening, “Florida Ave Safety Improvements”. 30% sign completion which will focus on the entire corridor of Florida Ave. The issue was that it was previously privately owned and now DDOT owns it.
* DDOT will send the power point presentation to ODR to disseminate on their website and to those in attendance

# Updates:

* **DCFHV Accessibility Advisory Committee:** NA
* **DD Council:** The Mayor’s Order that created the Commission and DD Council now states that there should be two members who serve on both the DD Council and the Commission
  + Ron Smith is representing and people should connect with him on advocacy
  + DD Council will be working with the cultural and linguistic competency of DC to plan a Latino Conference in September – focused on what the needs are of Latino people with disabilities to address those needs and share information. Trying to develop a stronger relationship with Latinx Disability Community
  + DC Advocacy Partners Program is in its 7th Cohort. First session started in May, second session is tomorrow
  + NACDD Conference – National Conference for all DD Councils from each state and all of the territories. To meet in New Orleans.
  + DD Council has a brand new logo
  + Hannah Cary is the DD Council Intern
* **M-Enabling Summit:** 3 day Conference, focused on smart technology that offers more benefits and more access
* **DCCPD E-Mail:** will follow up offline
* **Accessibility Programs at Smithsonian:** There are both verbal description tours and ASL tours at the Smithsonian
* **Travel Training Workshop at Metro**: Metro has an ADA Ombudsman and offers travel training to community members
* **Housing Rights:** DCCPD will reach out to the Equal Rights Center (ERC) about reasonable accommodations in housing

# Public Comments:

* Heidi Case – The DC Center for Independent Living moved in the last 6 months. The sidewalk that is porous and being used outside of the new location is the most accessible sidewalk near the Rhode Island Metro. Location is Rhode Island and 12th Street NE.
* Gerald Barnes – What is the DD Council? Alison: The Developmental Disabilities Council develops programs and advocacy for people with families that have intellectual and/or developmental disabilities. The DD Council was created under The Developmental Disabilities Bill of Rights Act. The DD Council is funded through Federal Appropriations.
* How to become a Commissioner: Apply online. Julia will add a link to the application to the ODR website and send through listserve. If you apply and do not hear back from someone at the Mayor’s Office of Talent and Appointments (MOTA), follow up with Julia at ODR
* Vera Damanka from Easter Seals (Montgomery County): Wanting to know more about the resources available in the District

# Adjourn: 11:26 AM