Stamford Access 4 All, Mayor's Committee
Meeting Date: 5/14/15, 1pm
Location: Operations Conference Room, 10th Floor

Attending: F. Mercede, P. Magalnick, K. Burbank, M. Molgano, E. Bromley, A. LiVolsi, I. Lupinacci, L. Ross, E. Orgera, P. Zeiss, M. Levine, F. Fedele, T. Dec, M. Katcher

M I N U T E S

Minutes from 3/12/15 meeting were approved unanimously without changes.

Marty reported that an A4A budget of $45,000 has been approved for FY 2015/16. He then shared a comprehensive scope of work done recently for Norwalk's citywide ADA assessment, which the Committee agreed should be used as the basis for an RFP for Stamford. Marty will work with Purchasing to move this forward.

Phil reported on his meeting with representatives from the DSSD, which wants to proactively assist A4A and is specifically focused on improving the legitimate and authorized use of "A frame" signs in the downtown business district. A4A will encourage people to use the City website mobile app to send photos of places that are problematic from an ADA-compliance perspective, such as A-frame signs and other sidewalk-related infractions. Frank Fedele recommended complaints could then be routed to the appropriate city department. Mitch suggested DSSD work pre-emptively to demonstrate the correct way for bicyclists to use the new hitches within the confinements of the "amenity zones." Frank and Ernie will work to amend the sidewalk sign ordinance to make for easier enforcement.

Kris reported on plans for the Mayor's May 27 press conference to announce the formation of A4A. The event begins at 11:00 a.m. at the Palace Theatre. All A4A Committee members are asked to please attend. Tom will email all Committee members standard details on the event that can be forwarded to friends, colleagues and other contacts to increase awareness and attendance at the event. Ellen will forward to community organizations. Lolli will forward to disability groups, schools and mental health organizations. Ida will forward to SCOPES. Tom will invite all city departments, elected and appointed officials/representatives and media. Tom will draft Mayor's remarks. Kris will work with FJ to help draft his comments. Mike will assist Andrew on his comments. All are available to help Phil, as well.

Mike reported that we are still awaiting final approval of the A4A mission statement from Amy; however, the Committee agreed that we should launch the website even without this. Ernie will check to see who the webmaster should be and if it needs to be someone employed by the city or whether Mike can be charged with this responsibility as an A4A Committee member.

It was agreed that all future meetings will begin at 12:30pm instead of 1:00, and that there will not be a meeting in August. Summer meetings will be held on June 11 and July 9. The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:15pm.