

METUCHEN ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES from September 30, 2015

Present:

Members: Sheri-Rose Rubin, Michael Geschlecht, Rena Kallman, David Kallman, Robin Brown, Rebecca Boucher, Borough Council Liaison: Ron Grayzel

Absent:

Wesley Brooks, Sara Weissblum, Sharon Muenster

Minutes:

Celebratory cupcakes for Robin's tenure

Update on Parking Authority report - nothing yet, Ron to follow-up

Discussed the meeting with Police about temporary parking spaces, set for spaces behind alley. Will be tested at Fair??

Fair table assigned, same location as last year, Rebecca will buy candy, Rena and Michael will help out. We will try to gather names of anyone interested in the snow/ice project.

Discussion about efforts to expand the idea of inclusion for all people, broader than just physical disabilities - Rebecca concerned that we are narrowing our focus. Inclusion is about things like helping people cross streets with proper walking signals. Inclusion issues need to be addressed with business owners, Chamber, training, Our group agreed and we will address this as we go forward.

Complaint about a staircase at the train station needing a railing and wider steps -we need a photo.

Shared idea about "Just a Minute" campaign - perhaps this is something we should do once the parking spaces actually exist.

"The Safer Winter Project" = Snow/Ice Project - What is the Goal? What are the expected results? We are not entirely clear on this yet. Identified issues:

1. People already know they "should" clear.
2. Those who need it lack social contacts
3. Maybe provide a flyer or card that can be put in mailbox when problem is noticed
4. Calling Zoning Office causes other issues
5. Once we decide what to do, can include it in Mayor's address
6. Similar issue with over-grown bushes
7. Many issues about protecting children and elderly/disabled folks from strangers
8. Possible link to other organizations/ high school?
9. Need a living document that can be used in reverse(shoveling/need shoveling)

Next meeting October 28, 2015 at 8:00