

MINUTES
Senior & Disabled Services
Advocacy Committee
1015 Willamette St; Eugene, OR 97401

September 10, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Patterson, Chair; Dennis Shine, Robert Fritson, Jessica Harris, Ed Necker, Tim Baxter, Janet O'Bryant

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Diane Rogers, Donna Peterson, Rosemary Foster, Kathy Jenness

STAFF: Kay Metzger

1. Call to Order / Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 2:19 p.m.

2. Consideration of Meeting Agenda

Agenda accepted by consensus.

3. Consideration of the minutes of the August meeting

Janet O'Bryant noted that the minutes should reflect her attendance at the meeting. Correction noted.

Motion: Ed Necker moved the minutes be approved with correction. Dennis Shine seconded the motion. Motion passed. Tim Baxter abstained as he was not present at the August meeting.

4. Committee Business/Updates

A. Roundabout Update

1) Update on DMV Manual

The letter to be sent to DMV under Jim's signature was reviewed. Kay will also send a copy to Rep. Terry Beyer. Robert will follow up with the DMV and report out at the next meeting.

2) Update on Meeting with Rep. Terry Beyer

Kay reported on her recent meeting with Rep. Terry Beyer and Lee Beyer, candidate for the State Senate seat for District 6. Terry supported our efforts to update the DMV manual. She didn't think attempts to regulate roundabouts through legislative process were a good idea at this time.

The group then engaged in a lively discussion about ways to continue our advocacy efforts regarding pedestrian safety. Jim opined that he appreciated taking a broader approach to pedestrian safety and not just focusing on roundabouts. For the next meeting, committee members agreed to consider areas within the Lane County area that pose a safety risk for seniors and people with disabilities. Are there unsafe situations in close proximity to areas highly used by seniors and people with disabilities? Each member was asked to consider this during the next month and come to the meeting with particular locations of concern.

3) Update on Installation of Pedestrian Safety Device

Kay shared the e-mail report from Springfield City Manager Gino Grimaldi. Advocacy members will continue tracking the progress of the installation of an RRFB to the roundabout site. Janet O'Bryant asked if the RRFB would be installed on all approaches to the roundabout. Robert F. responded yes, that is his understanding.

4) Other

Members of the Advocacy Committee that attended the LTD tour of the Gateway EmX route shared their thoughts on the event.

B. Candidate Conversations: Planning

Committee members engaged in a discussion regarding education of candidates for state office. Kay reported that the LCOG Board meeting on September 30th will include a discussion with state elected officials. The following action plan was agreed upon:

- Each candidate should receive an information letter from S&DS regarding the legislative priorities of the Advocacy Committee.
- If members are interested in meeting with candidates individually, Kay will assist.
- Post election, Advocacy Committee members will seek meetings with key legislators.

C. Other Business and Announcements

None.

5. Date for next meeting: October 8, 2010; 2:15 p.m.

6. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:44 p.m.