

**CITY OF PITTSBURGH/ALLEGHENY COUNTY
TASK FORCE ON DISABILITIES
DECEMBER 20, 2010
MINUTES**

Location: First Floor Conference Room
Civic Building, 200 Ross Street
Pittsburgh, PA

Members Present: Paul O’Hanlon, Chairperson, Janet Evans, Sarah Goldstein, Katherine D. Seelman, Rich McGann, James C. Noschese, John Tague

Members Absent: Aurelia Carter, Linda Dickerson, Liz Healey, Milton Henderson, Jeff Parker,

Others Present: Judy Barrieella, Panlia Brenchwitz, Ben Curlize, Chuck Keenan, Richard Meritzer, Charles Morrison, William Rudd, Matt Pavosey, Gebald Penna, Asia Pruden, Lucy Spruill, Joseph Wassermann

The meeting was called to order by Mr. O’Hanlon at 1:10 PM.

INTRODUCTIONS:

ACTION ITEMS

Review and Approval of November’s Minutes

The minutes were approved unanimously.

Review and approval of financial report

Everyone got copies of the financial report. Dr. Seelman requested we use former format. Mr. Tague mentioned cost per meeting varies. \$5,024.00 is enough money for 5 meetings (XX this). He had talked to John Liss. We have the money from the State. Looking at how much money they have to relocate when they eliminate programs with too little money. Administrative cost 17 on annual cost prorated by March. Mr. O’Hanlon said we had a meeting in December. Council member (XX) is coming in January. Mr. Tague suggested not having a February Meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

BEN CURLIZE – PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. O’Hanlon asked it was winter and snow was falling, what was the City’s plan to enforce snow removal. Last winter he was here and the committee discussed this. Then snow of the century. Always have snow on the ground.

Mr. Curlize: Blizzard of 2010 changed everything. They were setting up emergency routes. They had a sympathetic approach to residents. They issued a press release that any (XX) was over. They were going to actively enforce the law. They only have 6 inspectors. They were being proactive sympathetic to elderly and disabled. Mr. Curlize will call on Mr. O’Hanlon and Mr. Meritzer. If they get a call from elderly or people with disability, they will (XX). Use 311 system for way thing.

Mr. McGann: Warn people. People go on vacation.

Mr. Curlize responded if someone is on a vacation, they should notify us. They should have a plan.

Mr. Tague: **XX** being issued. Have we identified local groups who can help?

Mr. Curlize responded they talked to City Council and the Mayer's Office. Also, on their website there was a list of organizations for people to contact.

Dr. Seelman asked was there an office of **XXXXX** Mayer's Office.

Ms. Goldstein said school bands and buy **scoits XX** as fund raisings.

Mr. Noschese responded the Community Service of Pittsburgh Public Schools can do that during school delays.

Mr. McGann said maybe we should intern **XX**. Young boy went out with me to do **XX** house. Some **XX** of two communities.

Mr. Curlize said give me a specific location.—City is responsible of all city right of ways. If other **XX** and shoveling on the city we will take care of it. Now it is all hands on decks.

Ms. Spruill: Serve 1000 elderly and PWD, one third live in city. When she had my job this was her biggest problem. If public works staff could keep from putting snow on curb ways. Get people to live in city who should not shovel **XX** walks. Phone number to call. Make sense as many **XX** of **XX** know there is help. This is a perfect topic for our public figures to get of television and radio to help their neighbours.

Angela Habdouiney (Mt Washington): 311 only answers Monday through Friday. But there were big snows on weekends. Can we get someone to answer on the weekend? Are volunteers plus for elderly? Nothing for PWD who are under 60 years old.

Holley: How many hours?

Mr. Curlize: 24 hours.

Jim: Pittsburgh **XX** is a big organization

Ms. Spruill: excellent idea

Dr. Seelman: should we invite the cities volunteer a direction of Pittsburgh **XX**?

Mr. O'Hanlon: Done are accommodation for people who can't get their trash can to curb. Should the same system be implemented for side walk **XX**?

Mr. Curlize: Can you set up list and forward it to Mr. Meritzer. Get list to Public Works, figure out away to get accommodation to help. Will not cite. But we need to come up with a mechanism to have address **XX**. If we get a complaint, they will check the whole blocks. If they have a list they will not be cited.

Ms. Spruill: There is a farm

Mr. Curlize: This is apples and **wayes**

Mr. Meritzer: Get permission to leave it out format

Ms. Spruill: Or they can come on the property and take it.

Mr. O'Hanlon: If the issue is not fining people we can use the system of refuse.

Ms. Spruill: **XX** a campaign they should be checked in for a **XX** of issues. Will see if we can send the people who they know of.

Mr. Curlize: How do you prove it?

Ms. Spruill: You can't do that. Man worried about seniors.

Mr. McGann: They have a trash schedule for **XX** but not in Braille. Bottle prepare recycling.

Mr. Curlize: **XX** should be the advantage of Mr. Meritzer. Did not **XX** about disabilities. Since , but **XX** has learnt a lot.

Mr. O'Hanlon: Getting time to work out. Going from situation where the city has not enforce the law to a situation of enforcement what has the city done.

Mr. Curlize: [REDACTED]. Just put out public release to permit to you and Radi. It is a [REDACTED] now. Plus for public releases' Pghgov.com

Ms. Evans: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Do you want high rises. [REDACTED] that hire along. Just to address. Group [REDACTED] was not of people.

Mr. Curlize: High rises have [REDACTED] people.

Dr. Seelman: how does the city [REDACTED] to seniors?

Mr. McGann: Senior Centers.

Ms. Evans: The only way to get that [REDACTED] is awaiting to everyone. Then get the communities to help.

Ms. Spruill: [REDACTED] about trash collection

Mr. Curlize : could that be added to next genius circulates. Take a funny to mail back in 2011 snow [REDACTED] scabbling to get list. It will be a living butter.

Mr. Keenan: should cite every one and have turn, contact me if they can't.

Ms. Goldstein: people don't read all their mail. Contact people [REDACTED]. If we just have people call in then people who don't need it may call in. People hire people to clear their walks.

Mr. O'Hanlon: With any public policy you build [REDACTED]. Building a demand to have people should walk. Having been in a position of trying to find people to shovel walks, [REDACTED] are not the resources because this is not the demand. A lot of walk ahead of us. If we were living in [REDACTED], the city has machines that clear sidewalks.

Mr. McGann: Want to hear about. The seniors citizens who are snowbirds

Mr. O'Hanlon: Does not have whole lot of sympathy for those who have own homes. Future need to schedule volunteers. [REDACTED] intern and Pittsburgh [REDACTED]. If I was giving to find is there an approval.

Mr. Curlize: Appeal to housing court.

Mr. O'Hanlon: should be able request [REDACTED] accommodation.

Mr. Noschese: Ask post office to issue warning

Mr. O'Hanlon: Don't know if they would want to do it to protect their [REDACTED]

Everyone thinks

Ms. Spruill: On behalf of UCP, if they is any way they can help, they will.

Mr. O'Hanlon: In put UCP consider snow removal in Oakland. But for lack of demand, it is an idea who [REDACTED] has not come. As demand [REDACTED] can look at this.

Ms. Spruill: Did a survey [REDACTED] were a lot of [REDACTED] not doing this shoveling.

Mr. O'Hanlon: [REDACTED] were to 10 not to shovel snow in street . If you shovel in street and have city remove it, it would walk before.

Mr. Curlize: Encourage to put it in parking lane. A lot of changes. It is O.K. to shovel it in parking lane.

Mr. O'Hanlon: Request highlight it includes Parking.

Holley: Does not prove why they were surprise.

Ms. Spruill: [REDACTED] would not allow [REDACTED]

Angela: When I came to these meetings [REDACTED] access the [REDACTED]. They take her to the City Council Meeting.

Ms. Evans: Called civic

Mr. O'Hanlon: John [REDACTED] civic.

Vox Pop

Dr. Seelman: talked about incentive voice response. [redacted] provides would love a message about appointment. Last we invite Dr.Seelman and [redacted] put on bridges website on what to do about sending out made try [redacted]. If they do not comply the RCC, invite emails from people who do not get accessible message.

Angla: Buildings downtown and [redacted]. [redacted] requires address on building.

Ms. Spruill: every building has a legal address.

Dr. Seelman: I walk at Pittsburgh. Building does not have address.

Holly: been fighting with college campuses. Drop off point

Mr. McGann: Drivers get confused with too many doors.

Mr. Pavosey: State funding was [redacted] for Port Authority. 13%-17% services cuts. 8 or 10 people spoke on how important that was. People need to turn out.

Mr. Wassermann: have do note our legislation.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:53 PM.

THE NEXT TASK FORCE MEETING (Subject to change):

DATE: Monday, January 24, 2011

TIME: 1:00 P.M.

LOCATION: Large Conference Room
200 Ross Street