

The Baltimore County Commission on Disabilities
Monthly Meeting
November 16, 2016

Welcome and Introductions

Attendance: Jerry Bullinger, Mike Bullis, Chad Casserly, Philester Ealy, Hal Franklin, Mike Gahagan, Julie Gaynor, David Greenberg, Larry Hughes, Brad Kressman, Tony Lawson, Elizabeth Lazzaro, Kali Mallik, Kathleen O'Brien, Terri Parrish, Dr. Jay Schein, Mary Scott, Paulette Spriggs, Michael Tan, Judy Volkman, Karen Volz, Sally Wagner, Santa Wallace

Guests: Doug Adams, Angelica Daniel, Helen Moeller, Lois Pusiwsly

Staff: Hal Franklin, Colleen Nevy

Start: 12:36

Speaker: The Honorable Julian Jones spoke to the group about his background as a Division Chief in the Anne Arundel County Fire Department. He is a graduate of the University of Maryland Baltimore County and is currently

represents the 4th

District on the Baltimore County Council.

Councilman Jones led the group in a discussion of the HOME Act (Housing Opportunities Made Equal), which would have outlawed discrimination against renters based upon their source of income. While many types of income are covered – such as inheritance, disability payments, and alimony – most agreed that the act was aimed more specifically at those individuals in the Housing Choice Voucher, or Section 8, program. The HOME Act was submitted to the County Council by the County Executive in August of 2016, and Councilman Jones was the only member of the County Council to vote in favor of it. He encouraged the Commission to continue its support of the HOME Act when it is submitted again to the Council. The Commission thanked Councilman Jones for his support, and presented him with a plaque which stated that the Commission admired his “hard work and dedication to the housing needs of individuals with disabilities.”

Report of the Executive Committee: Respect the Space

ADA Transition Plan – Public Rights of Way and Sidewalks

- Towson ADA Pilot in Towson
 - Identify deficiencies and non-compliance of existing sidewalk and ramps.
 - Developed database using count approved criteria and GPS data points to create inventory of sidewalk.
- In Towson
 - 958 Sidewalk fall hazards.
 - 275 locations of obstacles.
 - 322 location were excess slope.
- Next Steps
 - DPW is developing data driven model, using the County’s geographic information system (GIS), it identify property areas for evaluation and maintain sidewalk.
 - Approximate cost of \$100,000.

ADA Compliance Sidewalk Analysis

- Background
 - Identify areas in the County where ADA complaint sidewalk improvements are most needed.
 - Assume all sidewalks in Baltimore County are not compliant.
 - Use geographic information system.
 - An aid for decision making.
- Getting Started
 - Requested some input
 - Factors that impact sidewalks (GSI).
 - Walking distances (Buffer).
 - Level of Importance (Weight).
- Themes
 - Social Vulnerability.
 - Education.
 - Senior Disables.
 - Transportation.
 - Commerce and Development.
 - Public Facilities and Services.
 - Religious.
- Analysis
 - What are the factors we need to consider?
 - What are the distance we need to be concern about?
 - How do we break these within themselves as factors?
- Summary
 - Identifying areas based on pedestrian movement.
 - Assuming essentially all sidewalk is non-compliant.
 - None of the inputs to the model are final.
 - Changing the factor and theme weights will change the analysis.
- Next Steps
 - Identify and incorporate additional factors into the model.
 - Review themes.
 - Determine final weights and distances (seek additional input).
 - Implement the analysis.

Announcements

- Tis The Season for the Baltimore County's Volunteer Members Holiday Event
 - Tuesday, December 6, 2016
 - 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Jefferson Building 105 West Chesapeake Avenue, Hearing Room 104
 - RSVP to Rose Katzenberger by Monday, November 28, 2016
- Baltimore County Commission on Disabilities Annual Orientation and Holiday Party
 - Friday, December 9, 2016
 - Orientation starts at 4:00 p.m., followed by the Holiday Party until...???
 - Future Home Annex, 12900 Jarrettsville Pike, Phoenix, MD 21131
 - 410-666-0086

Adjournment: No meeting in December –See you at the Orientation/Holiday Party: December 9, 2016. Orientation at 4:00 p.m. with the party of follow.