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**ADVISORY BOARD ON DISABILITY SERVICES
OCTOBER 13, 2017
CIVIC CENTER ROOM 301**

MINUTES

MEMBERS

Andrew Imlay
Tom Bozikis
R. Scott Guzzo
Barb Witte

STAFF

Bonnie Fox

Chairman Andrew Imlay called the monthly meeting of The Advisory Board on Disability Services to order on the above date.

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Requests – There were no requests added to the agenda.

Roll was called with the above named board members and staff in attendance.

Due to lack of a quorum no action could be taken on the minutes of the September meeting.

PRESENTATIONS:

METS –

Charles Farmer, Mets Mobility manager was in attendance and reported on the papers that he had emailed to board members. The report that was emailed gave the operational statistics for the mobility vans. Mr. Farmer reported on the pick-up and drop off service that Mets provided for the fall festival. He reported that Mets is preparing for its tri-annual review in 2018. He also answered questions about the vans not being able to drop off in the back of Central Library, reason being the vans are too large and there is a weight capacity for the library parking lot. He reported that the bus would be able to drop

off on Chestnut Street, which is the closest street for the Browning room entrance. It was brought up that there are no curb cuts on Chestnut Street and he is not aware if there are curb cuts or not on the Chestnut Street side but he will check into it.

Building Commission –

Chairman Imlay reported to the board that he had met with the Mayor and Building Commissioner, Ron Beane on October 6 in the mayor's conference room. He reported on issues from the September meeting which Mr. Ballew had attended. He reported to them that the building codes are not compliant with the ADA codes. Changes and addendums are made to the building code cycle every three years and the cycle is upcoming in 2018. The chairman asked that the codes be changed to be more compliant with ADA codes. The Mayor and Mr. Beane reported that addendums could be added to make the codes more strict, which would require businesses to become more compliant with ADA laws on the city and county levels.

NEW BUSINESS:

U.S. Department of Justice (Accessibility Workshops) –

Kelly Rota of the DOJ will hold an informative workshop for advisory board members and small businesses. The date has not yet been determined but board members will be notified of the date and a press release will be issued. Chairman Imlay has contacted the mayor to make opening remarks. Board member Witte suggested that contractors be invited also.

OLD BUSINESS:

AccessAbility Decal Program –

The tentative launch date is January 2018.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

National Disability Employment Awareness Month (October) –

The event will be held at Old National Bank on Monday October 30, 10am – 2pm in the Atrium. The Advisory Board will have a table at the event with the Advisory Board tri-folds and brochures to give out.

Registration is open for the 23rd Annual Indiana Governor's Council for people with disabilities in Indianapolis December 4-5, 2017. This year's theme is "Independence: Achieving the Good Life with Choice and Support". The conference will be held at the Westin Hotel in downtown Indianapolis. The keynote speaker is Retired Senator Tom Harkin, author of Americans with Disabilities Act. Scholarships are available for people who may not be able to afford the price of full conference.

Board member Bozikis commented on an email sent to board members by Gary May. He reported that employment for the blind and people with other disabilities is still very limited throughout the city.

The chairman will contact Chuck Whobrey of the Teamsters Union to come to a future meeting.

It was properly motioned to adjourn at 11:48 am.