

CITY OF SANDUSKY
ADA/Fair Housing Advisory Board
Monday, October 23, 2017
First Floor Conference Room, City Hall
1:00 PM

Members Present – Jeff Berquist, Lovey Leavell, Kathy Linz, Carol Steele, Kathleen Wickens, Commissioner Lockhart

Members Absent – Diane Corso, Martha Thompson

Staff Present – Assistant Law Director, Trevor Hayberger and Clerk, Elisabeth Sowecke

Meeting was called to order 1:03 PM.

Chairman Berquist motioned to have the notes from the August 28th meeting accepted. Ms. Leavell supported his motion, Ms. Linz seconded. All were in favor.

Chairman Berquist raised the issue of his term expiration in December of this year and all supported his term renewal.

The matter of a dedication to Dr. Linz was raised. Due to information about the impossibility of building a ramp at the Washington Park gazebo, provided by Director of Public Services, Brad Link, to Mrs. Linz via ADA/Fair Housing Board Clerk, Elisabeth Sowecke, Mrs. Linz indicated a desire to consider other avenues for the dedication. It was agreed to wait for the re-construction of the Jackson Street Pier for the possibility of a dedication at that location. The Board discussed ADA accessible swings, similar to porch swings, and the possibility of having one installed at the new pier.

Chairman Berquist announced the Lions Park dedication, taking place tomorrow, Tuesday, October 24, at 5:00 PM, and complimented the City for its park improvements. Ms. Leavell recommended installing cameras at the new park for monitoring activity, such as vandalism, and Assistant Law Director, Mr. Hayberger confirmed that the police department is aware of criminal activity at the parks and working to improve the situation.

Chairman Berquist indicated that he plans to follow-up with Commission Clerk, Kelly Kresser to ensure that the ADA Proclamation is framed and displayed somewhere meaningful in the City. Ideas for potential venues for framing were presented and then possible placement for the plaque was discussed. Ms. Leavell suggested locating or creating something similar to the glass display cases at Firelands BGSU and Commissioner Lockhart suggested having a sign made for Lions Park.

It was unclear whether Commissioner Lockhart was speaking about the dedication to Dr. Linz or the Proclamation because he had arrived late and missed the discussion about Dr. Linz. The new developments for the dedication to Dr. Linz were repeated by Chairman Berquist and a similar

discussion took place, ending with the general consensus to wait to see about possibilities at Jackson Street Pier. Chairman Berquist indicated that he and Commissioner Lockhart would explore funding options for the dedication. Commissioner Lockhart indicated that Commission Clerk, Kelly Kresser will provide examples of plaques used for other city-wide dedications to Ms. Linz so she can consider the wording for the dedication.

The discussion returned to the Proclamation and most discussion was focused on whether to request a place for display in City Hall on Meigs Street or to wait to display it in the new City Hall on Columbus Avenue. Chairman Berquist motioned to have the Proclamation displayed in City Hall on Meigs Street. Ms. Wickens supported the motion and Ms. Linz seconded. All were in favor, except Ms. Leavell, who believes it should be put on display somewhere in the city where there is more visibility.

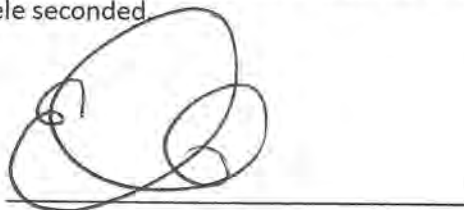
Commissioner Lockhart suggested that the City sign department may be able to create a sign at Lions Park to bring attention to accessibility. He also highlighted the sidewalk improvements completed downtown.

Jeff Berquist reminded the Board that there will be no meeting in December and motioned to end the meeting. Ms. Leavell supported his motion and Ms. Steele seconded.

The meeting was adjourned 1:33 pm.



Jeff Berquist
Chairperson



Elisabeth Sowecke
Clerk