

WALKABLE COMMUNITIES COALITION

AGENDA

Tuesday, January 13, 2015
12 Noon to 1 PM

disAbility Connections
409 Linden Avenue

MISSION: To create an environment where it's easy to walk and bike for recreation and transportation; and to educate and encourage citizens to be active.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Public Comment**
3. **Approval of Minutes of December 9, 2014** (enclosed)
4. **Report from Action Teams (if any)**
 - a. Sidewalk Snow Removal
 - b. New Bike Racks in Park
 - c. "Year of the Bike"
5. **Comments and/or Concerns from Members**
6. **Public Comment**
7. **Adjournment**

Next Meeting: February 10, 2015
12 Noon to 1:00 PM
disAbility Connections

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MINUTES

Walkable Communities Coalition
disAbility Connections
409 Linden Avenue
Jackson, Michigan

Tuesday, December 9, 2014, 12 PM

Members Present: Brenda Bobon, disAbility Connections
Alexandra Cash, Fitness Council of Jackson
Ted Hilleary, Fitness Council of Jackson
Pete Jancek, Blackman Township
Oliver Lindsay, Citizen
Ken Mangus, Citizen
Laurel Mauldin, Citizen
Susan Richardson, Region 2 Planning Commission
Parrish Stahl, disAbility Connections
Scott TenBrink, U of M
Julie Weisbrod, Jackson County Health Department

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mauldin called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was offered.

This meeting was the Christmas Luncheon so people were eating and Chair Mauldin asked members to describe what their agencies were doing as it related to the WCC.

Mr. Hilleary stated that he had talked to television stions about public service announcement regarding snow removal for disabled and/or senior citizens.

Mr. Stahl talked to Simon Foster about the public service announcements and they were working on crafting a really good announcement that conveyed “help your neighbor”.

Ms. Bobon stated that if people have an interest we need to get their names in order to build a data base. She further stated that disAbility Connections was providing window clings to businesses that were improving their accessibility. ADA's 25th Anniversary is next year.

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Ms. Bobon and Mr. Stahl both stated that Jackson needs some regional transportation opportunities. They can travel anywhere in the world as long as they can get to Detroit Metro, but getting there is the problem. Ms. Bobon stated that AMTRAK does a pretty good job with assisting disabled persons.

Ms. Richardson stated that R2PC is involved with MDOT in developing a regional non-motorized plan. Mr. TenBrink felt this effort was more towards transportation than recreation. Members asked that Ms. Richardson send information regarding the upcoming January 8, 2015 meeting.

Mr. Jancek brought up the Governor's Trail Committee and the fact that Jackson County was part of the planned route. Ms. Richardson stated that she would try to get more information on this committee and the status of their progress.

There was discussion on connecting the Falling Waters Trail to Cascades and what was the status of getting the trail completed. Ms. Richardson stated that she would contact Scott Robbins for an update on this project.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 18, 2014

A motion was made by Mr. Jancek, supported by Ms. Bobon, to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2014. The motion passed unanimously.

4. REPORT FROM ACTION TEAMS

a. Sidewalk Snow Removal

Mr. TenBrink distributed a list of 3 categories where action must be taken in order to accomplish the sidewalk clearing that has been discussed.

1. ***Encourage and remind residents and property owners to clear sidewalks and report problem properties.*** Mr. Foster is already working on this so it was decided to let him continue with this effort.
2. ***Be a watch dog for City enforcement and follow-up of complaints.*** Mr. TenBrink stated that he could be the lead on this category.
3. ***Direct residents to resources for sidewalk clearing assistance.*** Mr. TenBrink suggested that all members get on the city's Jackson Snow Patrol and assist in ways of improving it. He also suggested that they could call the Jackson County Department on Aging, but they were already facing a very long list. Members were asked to think of other resources for helping clear sidewalks.

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b. New Bike Racks in Park

No discussion because of lack of time.

c. "Year of the Bike"

No discussion because of lack of time.

5. COMMENTS AND CONCERNS FROM MEMBERS

There were no further comments or concerns from members.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 PM