

CAPITAL AREA TRANSIT
PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

CAT Conference Room
Tuesday, July 5, 2016
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The CAT People with Disabilities Advisory Committee has been organized to facilitate communications between and collaboration with CAT management to improve transit services for persons with disabilities and/or persons with low incomes.

Attendance

Charles Carr	Elizabeth Pabon	Erin Gaul
Howard DeHart	Robert Philbin	Guy Beneventano
Carolyn O'Brien	Seth Ambrose	Pam Auer
Mike Begler	Bill Jones	Lan Do
Cathy Long	Tom Young (AGM)	

June minutes read and approved.

Since the June meeting, the Right To Know (RTK) was distributed via e-mail to the committee members for review. With no further questions or comments, a motion was made to adopt resolution 2016-1. **Motion carried.**

So far there have been 71 responses to the Riders with Disabilities Survey.

New tasks were added to the project plan; (1) define a complaint workshop, (2) develop a newsletter mailing data base, (3) hold a press conference.

Seth Ambrose, CILCP, spoke on the ongoing outreach effort to raise awareness of the survey. He provided a list of organizations and asked for help with names to contact. A telephone script was developed to guide anyone contacting organizations and an e-mail was drafted to send those willing to participate. The e-mail lists the various options for distributing the survey. One of the options is to host an event where volunteers can collect responses from guests. Bill Jones, CAT GM, offered to provide tablets if this option is chosen.

Lan Do, Disability Rights PA, is developing a paper version of the survey.

Karin Cain, CAT, created a flyer for distribution. She was not at the meeting to give an update on the consumer comment/complaint software, due to a schedule conflict.

Pam Auer, CILCP, member of the PA Transportation Alliance and the Disability Budget Coalition, reported on the June 15th meeting she attended on behalf of these two organizations with PennDOT. She brought up the issue of increasing pay for drivers and got little to no response.

A letter of endorsement addressed to Mayor Papenfuse, in support of Matthew Seeley's appointment to the CAT board, was drafted. It was discussed and approved to be signed by the committee's Chairman and Vice Chairman.

It was agreed that a communications data base will be assembled.

Carolyn O'Brien, committee member representing Cumberland County, was elected as the CAT Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee secretary.

Other Notes...

Tom Young, CAT AGM, agreed to work with the committee on developing sensitivity trainings to educate drivers on working with people with disabilities.

Meeting Adjourn