

Accessible Parking Committee Notes

Sub-Committee of Fox Valley Advocacy Coalition

Thompson Community Center on Lourdes

Via Zoom



Advocacy Coalition, Inc

2/09/2021 Meeting Notes

Attending: Jill Gretzinger, Amy Perry, John Jenkins, Bob Heffron, Joe Martin, Jane Young, John Meissner

- A thank you letter was sent to Doctor's Park for their efforts to comply with the issues we identified as non-compliant. The letter encouraged them to keep in mind that when there is any re-pavement work done that they make sure to comply with all access aisle issues.
- Jane read a response letter that our committee received from the Town of Grand Chute regarding our request that they address the non-compliance issues at Dick and Joan's. According to the letter they have talked to the business, but they do not have the authority to cite them in any way. They suggested the group file a complaint with the Department of Justice. After a lengthy discussion it was decided we will explore the possibility of filing a complaint with the state of Wisconsin. If this is not possible, Joe will contact the local media to highlight the non-compliance in order that some public attention might prompt the business to take action.
- Joe noted he did try connecting with a new contact with the Prison system's printing program for our signs. He will continue to work to find a new contact so John J. is able to order more signs.
- A number of members did visit the ramp next to the PAC. Accessible parking, as well as the payment system, is not user friendly. After discussion it was decided that all three ramps in Appleton may have concerns with their accessible parking. It was decided the group will meet at the ramps for the next meeting and do an assessment of each ramp. Bob suggested we have some type of tool to use to determine their compliance/usability. John M. agreed to see if he can find this type of tool, Joe will also contact the ADA consultant from Chicago who has done work for the City of Appleton to determine if they have some type of tool we could use. The goal of the visits would be to share with the City of Appleton the concerns we identify, as well as our recommendations for improvement. Jill will send out the meeting notice and details a few days before our next meeting on March 9.
- The three non-compliant businesses Bob identified on Richmond Street have been sent to the City of Appleton. They will visit the sites and take any action warranted.
- Jill noted the sticky notes to educate vehicle owners who abuse the access aisles have arrived. If you wish to pick some up before our next meeting, please arrange a pickup time with Jill. Otherwise, she will bring them to our ramp meeting.
- Next meeting of the committee will be **Tuesday, March 9** at 10:30am at the ramp by the PAC. A reminder will be sent out a couple days ahead of time.