

JEDIB Committee Regular Meeting 3/14/2023 6:30 – DRAFT MINUTES

Committee Members Present: Joelen, Ellen, Rikk, Greg, William, Quan, Emily

Committee Members Absent: Chris, Sonya

Guests, Anastasia Douglas, Councilor Michael Deering, Raylene Meunier

Call to Order 6:30pm

Adjustments to the agenda- taking item 5b out of order to accommodate Ms. Douglas's schedule

5b. Welcome to Anastasia Douglas, VT ADA board member Discussion with Rik Taff about the added work the city as assigned Rikk and the committee to bring the city to ADA compliance. Discussion about the former ADA Committee and its disbandment after council would not take ADA advice from the committee into consideration. Ellen wondered if Rikk has been given too many tasks and asked if our committee has received a clear charge from council. Ms. Douglas provided the following resources for VLCT:

From VLCT:

<https://www.vlct.org/resource/improve-accessibility-technical-resources>  
<https://www.vlct.org/resource/improve-accessibility-technical-resources>  
<https://www.vlct.org/resource/improve-accessibility-self-evaluations-and-transition-plans>

Montpelier's plan

<https://www.montpelier-vt.org/DocumentCenter/View/6224/Transition-Plan-Priorities-and-Schedule?bidId=>  
<https://www.montpelier-vt.org/1016/ADA-Transition-Plan>

Potential new requirements <https://www.vlct.org/news/federal-accessibility-standard-proposed-municipal-web-content>

federal regulations on transition plans

<https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-28/chapter-I/part-35/subpart-D/section-35.150>

3. Minutes Motion to accept the minutes by William second by Quan, motion passed

4. Old Business: a- update from Joelen, invitations were sent and waiting for scheduling

b- update from Quan- tide pride will be published later this month and will include his submission about the JEDIB Committee

New Business: a- Joelen- council has rejected the grant proposal to enter into mediation to work on civil discourse. The committee should decide next steps, return the \$2,000 grant money or bring the issue back to council.

Councilor Deering- remarked that he did not understand the grant proposal and was confused by the language of the documents presented to council. He does not want to do mediation, he is not ok with communicating in executive session, he wants to be on display

Emily- suggested there might be a communication issue with council based on Councilor Deering's remarks and wondered if future communications with council should be looked at through a lens of inclusion and ADA and the committee should adopt plain language in communications with the council going forward

Ellen- remarked that she has heard many councilors says they do not want to do the mediation and the committee should consider this

C: process for posting draft minutes

6 Visitor and public comment- discussion of committee report on the agenda for next meeting

7 next meeting date

Adjourn- motion by William second by Rikk adjourn at 7:36

Respectfully submitted Emily Wheeler Reynolds