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COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ACCESS

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Douglas Mayo – Chair
Virginia DeSorgher
Robert Williford
Lynne Kelley – Alternate

Greenfield Commission on Disability Access (CDA)

Thursday, October 12, 2023, at 1:00 pm

Via Zoom

Members present:

Lynne Kelley
Doug Mayo
Virginia Desorgher
Bob Williford (joined late 1:18pm)

Members absent:

Also present:

Anna Oltman, ADA Coordinator
Christian LaPlante, Community Development
Pamela McBride

DM called the meeting to order at 1:09 PM

Approval of the minutes from September 14, 2023

Motion by DM to delay voting on minutes until next meeting, 2nd
VD. All in favor 3-0.

Treasurers report – Quarterly Update

Current account for supplies is \$500

Current account from handicap parking revenues is \$7,821.05

ONGOING ISSUES

Transition plan updates

AO stated that there is an architect coming to look at city hall first floor bathrooms and entrance next week. LK asked if anyone will be attending with the architect. AO stated that she has met with the architect of couple of times already. The architect will be doing a survey. It might be the case that there needs to be a stall removed in the women's restroom in order to make it accessible. AO stated that the architect could come speak to the CDA after the project.

Building access

VD stated that she is grateful that the ramp has been installed at the library entrance. PM stated that the ramp is a work in progress, new railing to be installed perpendicular soon.

BW stated that he might have to submit a formal complaint about access to the Big Y entrance. AO stated that she could not have any formal jurisdiction as the ADA Coordinator but would be glad to see if she could still do outreach. BW has submitted 311 requests that have gone nowhere.

VD wrote to Marlo Warner about sidewalks in front of post office. No definitive answer on whether they are DPW or post office owned sidewalks. LK asked if anyone knew who to contact if the sidewalks are actually on post office property. AO could ask around but is unsure.

Sidewalk repair

AO stated that at last month's meeting the CDA requested AO reach out to Mayor's Office to see if CDA could be involved with city run projects. Marlo Warner stated that there can be quick

turnaround time but is open to it. The ramps at school st. are more due to a strange intersection. Marlo offered to attend a CDA meeting to talk about sidewalk repair in general. BW shared pictures he took two years ago on Franklin St. showing the current state of the sidewalks. VD stated that she would like to see sidewalks addressed in the order of priority of their condition.

Greenfield project updates

Community preservation act projects supported by Commission
CL stated that there are no major updates at this time.

Wilson's project

AO stated no updates

Portland Loo

AO can ask around for an update. BW asked if there is a second Portland Loo, VD stated that there is just one for now. The current one is out of ARPA funding. The second one was not approved by city council.

NEW BUSINESS

Recruitment of New Members

DM stated he has been spreading the word about the work the commission does. LK asked if it has ever been discussed to hold meetings later in order to allow people to join who work during the day. DM can see what time frame works for people when he reached out to them.

VD has been advocating at every group she attends. AO can reach out to a previous interested individual named Ty.

BW has suggested previously reaching out to Jeff Dougan at MOD to see who has taken Community Access Monitor training. DM can speak to Jeff.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next meeting November 9, 2023.

Adjournment

Adjourned at 1:54pm.

