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COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ACCESS

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Greenfield Commission on Disability Access (CDA)

Thursday, January 13, 2022, at 1:00 pm

Via WebEx

Members present:

Lynne Kelley, Chair
Douglas Mayo
Bob Williford
L'aura Jordan
Virginia “Ginny” DeSorgher

Members absent:

N/A

Also present:

Christian LaPlante, City of Greenfield
Lindsay Rowe, Greenfield ADA Coordinator
Pamela McBride, Greenfield Public Library

LK called the meeting to order at 1:03PM

Approval of the minutes from November 10, 2021

DM motion to approve, second LJ. Unanimous

Treasurer's report

The handicap parking fund has \$3421.05. The general fund has \$300.

Ongoing

Mass match assistive technology roadshow

LK wanted to check in with people when the roadshow could take place. If waiting until May, the technology truck could be parked in the parking lot of the senior center. LK will follow up with Hope to see if May would work, if not it will be in April.

Building accessibility

Library

Pamela gave an update on the library. Curbside pickup program has started. 3 15-minute spots available in front of the library - where patrons must park. Can call library to schedule pickup time or fill out Google form. Open to all patrons. Will see how it goes, publicity going out today. Back door of library is still open, will only shut down when construction starts on parking lot.

Townhall access ramp railing

LR has passed along all three motions to the Mayor. Potential of new ramp. No additional conversations yet.

45-49 Bank Row

BW stated that the marijuana dispensary had changed to no on site parking, but has also noticed that there is a for sale sign again. VD added that business plans change quickly. LR added that a second hand rail had been requested for the parking garage ramp.

LK made a motion to forward to the Mayor's office that an actuator should be installed on the Olive Street parking garage ramp door. BW second. Unanimous.

Transition plan update

LK was ill last month and will follow up on a training program for staff this coming month. BW stated that going over a list of sidewalks in fine detail is not a great plan according to Marlo Warner since things change very quickly. There is not a list of blind or handicapped residents. LJ suggested networking with local radio stations to get people to supply feedback. VD noted that there are funds available in the handicap parking, etc. to pay for ads. Councilor Guin on the City Council is a potential partner. LJ agreed that having people vote on the worst sidewalk in Greenfield is a good idea. Could potentially collaborate with the Winter Carnival. LJ to draft a proposal and send out to the commission. VD to reach out to Dan Guin about radio ad pricing structure, etc.

CDA email address/ Business cards

LK needs city seal, LR suggested reaching out to City Clerk. Mayor's Office had requested more time on CDA email address.

Sidewalk repair

Elm Terrace bus stop

Elm Terrace association will be sending a letter that there are rough curb cuts. BW gave an update that there is a bid going out for the bus stop and shared plans for easement. VD and LJ concerned about access to bus stop. Residents of Elm Terrace would have to go up Allen Street to navigate. LR added that the CDA had received plans back in April that showed a different layout. FRCOG are the ones putting this out to bid. LJ suggested writing a letter from the commission. There is a problem with the distance to travel and location of the Bus Stop on Elm Street as a very busy thoroughfare. LR to send BW previous letter sent in April so he can draft new letter based off of it with Lynne.

New Business

CPA

LK let the commission know about the letter sent from the Community Preservation Committee. Discuss at the next meeting once everyone has looked at it.

Announcements

US access board webinars

LK listened to a US access board webinar. Pharmacies are increasing accessibility of medication bottles for those with low vision. LK described her own experience with compliance at Baystate Franklin.

Next meeting February 10, 2022

Adjournment

VD Motion to adjourn, second DM. Unanimous.

