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Greenfield Commission on Disability Access (CDA)

Thursday, March 10, 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:

Lindsay Rowe, ADA Coordinator
Christian LaPlante, Community Development
Pamela McBride, Greenfield Public Library
Dani Letourneau, Chief of Staff Mayor's Office

LK called the meeting to order at 1:03PM

Approval of the minutes from February 10, 2022

DM motion to approve, second VD. Unanimous.

Treasurers report

Unchanged. \$300 in general fund. \$3,421 in handicap parking fund.

VD motion to make treasurers report a quarterly report. Second DM. Unanimous

Guest speaker Dani Letourneau, Chief of Staff for the Mayor

Dani met with Lindsay to discuss ADA plan. Some things can be addressed right away. Training from Mass Office on Disabilities will become a program for department heads. More promotion of Greenfield 311/See Click Fix. Railing issues at City Hall and Olive Street parking garage.

LK asked about new city website design. Dani stated that accessibility is baked into the new design, it was a part of the RFP.

BW noted that attention should be paid to what needs to be archived on the new city website. Dani stated that there is going to be a balance of what is archived and what remains viewable on the site.

LR added that old documents will be removed from the current CDA page and can be re-uploaded when the new site is live.

LK stated that CDA would like to be involved in capital planning.

New Communications Director Aaron Kupec can do outreach for the Mass Match event.

VD added that there is a concern over sidewalk accessibility and accessibility of public meetings.

Ongoing

Mass match assistive technology roadshow

LK stated that it is on Tuesday May 17. Will be doing more outreach. Mass Match can bring certain devices upon request. BW added that there is also book reading technology. Garden Cinemas also has accessibility features that could be promoted.

LR is working with Valley Eye Radio which reads newspapers aloud. LR is working on an awareness campaign. They have a website now.

Building accessibility

Parking garage hand railings will be addressed.

Library

PM stated that there is a beam signing event on March 19th.

COVID-19 information/Mask mandates

Mask mandate had been removed in Greenfield. DL added that the Health Department is working on a testing plan.

Transition plan update

LK send Dani info for trainings.

CDA email address/ Business cards

New address has been created and business cards can now be created.



Sidewalk repair

LK favors See Click Fix as the name for the program that lets people report issues. LJ added that Marlo is in favor of publicity campaign to let people know about the program.

VD added her experience with See Click Fix. Snow tickets are under the police department. VD had reported an issue but it was not addressed and the snow just melted. Northampton had a program to increase snow removal through fines. DM concerned that disabled individuals could get caught in a fine if they cannot easily clear their walk.

Elm Terrace bus stop

LK thinks that it is close to the end of this topic. LJ was hoping for an explanation why no one was contacted at Elm Terrace for input but is ready to move on.

BW described the propose dimensions of the plan.

Community preservation act

LK to send note to Christian about accessibility of recreation projects. BW attended a webinar about accessibility at pools but they were not addressing natural swimming areas.

NEW BUSINESS

Marijuana dispensary 220–222 Main St.

LK gave Lindsay some information that there needs to be a counter inside that is low and accessible. LK also noted the curb cut situation on the handicap parking in front of the building.

Community access monitor training schedule

LK sent everyone info on the training. Commission members can reach out to sign up themselves.

Announcements

US access board webinar

Next meeting: April 14, 2022

Jeff Dougan from MOD will be joining the commission's meeting in April.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by DM, second VD. Meeting adjourned at 2:11pm.

