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Greenfield Commission on Disability Access (CDA)

Thursday, April 14, 2022, at 1:00 pm

Via WebEx

Members present:

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

Members absent:

n/a

Also present:

Lindsay Rowe, ADA Coordinator
Christian LaPlante, Community Development
Jeffrey Dougan, MOD
MJ Adams, Community Development

LK called the meeting to order at 1:05PM

Approval of the minutes from March 10, 2022

Motion to approve minutes by VD, second DM. No edits.
Unanimous.

Treasurers report Postponed until June 2022

Reporting every 3 months now, quarterly.

Guest speaker Jeff Dougan from Massachusetts Office of Disability

Jeff Dougan gave a presentation on the role of MOD, commissions on disability access, disability access laws and regulations, and resources. MOD help manage communications between entities about accessibility issues, give presentations and disability education, do outreach, working with commissions, etc.

DM inquired about the slowness of City responses to CDA requests and what could be done about it. JD responded that the CDA is an advisory board and at the end of the day it is the city's job to address liability gaps. JD suggested using what is listed in the transition plan as examples. VD would like to see the commission be more assertive. JD thinks there should be a line item for transition plan work each year.

LR asked how to utilize a transition plan with improper values for repairs. JD replied that those numbers are likely rough goalposts and don't include prevailing wage, etc, also that the City should start doing the work rather than thinking about redoing the transition plan.

LK asked if we could request an access specialist again. JD replied yes but they cannot give dollar values. They can give a starting point about what is not in compliance.

LK asked about department head training. JD will include training info in his email.



Ongoing

Mass match assistive technology roadshow

Roadshow will now be on May 31 instead of May 17. There will be a space for library at the show which BW helped to set up.

COVID-19 information/Mask mandates

Transition plan update/ MJ Adams to discuss City Hall ADA study

MJA had submitted a capital request for an architectural study of ADA improvements at city hall. MJA wanted the commission to be aware of where the request is now at.

LK asked how long it would take for projects to be completed after an architectural study is completed. MJA answered that the self assessment and transition plan is surface level detail for what needs to be done to comply with ADA. There was a desire for a more detailed look at City Hall as it is an older building with a lot of usage. There is no timeline to follow the transition plan. An architectural study would be a way of beginning to tackle the transition plan. LR added that if the request was improved by council, money would become available in July, study could be done by December, next capital season would then come up a year from now.

VD would not vote to endorse this. VD would like to see \$200,000 every year to be devoted to sidewalks. VD would suggest that funding go to get things fixed in Sanderson Street, Bocce Courts accessible path, bathroom in city hall. BW added that the city does not own 20 Sanderson, the State owns it. MJ replied that the

City has a lease on it. DM added that in 1992 the Sanderson St. building was still occupied by State entity.

MJA asked whether it is the commission's desire to have a say before capital requests are submitted, it might also be better to have these requests come from central maintenance. MJ hears that sidewalks are a concern. DM asked if there had been a study at city hall recently. MJA believes that was about an extension of the building.

LR added that it required an architectural professional to make the recommendations at a recent project at Four Corners school. The City can list problems but there is no way of knowing the costs associated. MJA added that the budget is an opportunity for education for everyone.

CDA email address/ Business cards

LK is working with Caitlin and Kathy to get business cards made. The email address will forward to Lindsay and Lynne.

Sidewalk repair

L'aura worked with Aaron in the Mayor's office for a script for a sidewalk repair radio ad.

“KNOW OF A FAULTY TRAFFIC SIGNAL, ROUGH PAVEMENT, HAZARDOUS SIDEWALK, OR ANOTHER NON-EMERGENCY INFRASTRUCTURE ISSUE? THE GREENFIELD COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ACCESS URGES YOU TO REPORT IT— ONLINE AT GREENFIELD-DASH-M-A-DOT-GOV-SLASH-3-1-1 OR BY CALLING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AT 772-1528.”

Next step is to explore using this as an ad or radio announcement.

Elm Terrace bus stop

L'aura has nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Site plan review for the Hampton Inn

Main thing is that the plan lacks the proper number of handicap parking spaces for the total number of spaces. 110 total parking spaces, 3 current handicap spaces, two more would be required according to LR.

Motion by VD for a recommendation to the Zoning Board that there be 5 spaces, 1 being a van space, located close to curb cuts, with an appropriate right of way. Second by DM.
Unanimous.

Announcements

US access board webinars

Next meeting May 12, 2022

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by LJ, second DM. Unanimous.

