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Greenfield Commission on Disability Access (CDA)

Thursday, May 12, 2022, at 1:00 pm

Via WebEx

Members present:

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

Members absent:

Douglas Mayo

Also present:

Lindsay Rowe, ADA Coordinator
Christian LaPlante, Community Development
Pamela McBride, Greenfield Public Library
Dawn _____, Member of Public

LK called the meeting to order at 1:04PM

Approval of the minutes from April 14, 2022

LJ moved to approve the minutes, second BW. One typo will be corrected. All in favor.

Treasurers report Postponed until June 2022

Reporting every 3 months now, quarterly.

ONGOING ISSUES

Mass match assistive technology roadshow

LK found out that attendees would be limited to 15 per hour. LJ wondered if a higher number of people could be demonstrated. Additional people would be placed on a waitlist. BW added that there will be more than just the roadshow there. Commissioners won't count against the 15 per hour limit. If the waitlist is short those on the list could potentially be added in.

Building access /historical buildings

LK had tried to access the Hawks and Reed building but it was not accessible because of double doors. She is wonder how the historic nature of the building plays in to adding an automated, accessible door. BW believes that the answer may lie in the deed where there could be a restriction on altering the exterior of the building. LR reminded the commission about tax write-offs for ADA improvements.

COVID-19 information/Mask mandates

LK stated that there is research indicating that people with disabilities have worse outcomes with COVID-19. Also, DOJ had a settlement with CVS because their vaccine scheduling site was not ADA compliant.

Transition plan update

LK stated that the ADA improvement study MJ talked about at the last meeting was not approved. If there were to be a regular budget item to address transition plan items it would have to go through the Mayor. VD described the differences between capital and operating budgets. There will be a budget meeting next Wednesday. LJ added that in Jeff Dougan's town a percentage of

the budget is allocated every year for transition plan improvements.

CDA email address/ Business cards

BW asked how responding will work to emails sent to the CDA email address. LR explained that responses will come from Lynne and Lindsay's emails.

LK is finalizing the business cards with Caitlin in the Mayor's Office.

Sidewalk repair

BW described the recent Complete Streets sidewalk construction meeting. People did not want sidewalks in front of their house as they then would have to shovel them.

Complete Streets plans are now available. BW shared the diagrams with the commission. BW will contact Eric Twarog about the slope on the sidewalks next to driveways. VD wants to see more buy in from the community on these kinds of projects.

The commission discussed how the CDA could be involved with City project designs at an earlier stage. The commission made sure that the request gave them enough time to review and that the purview of the request was appropriate (specific to city projects as the commission already receives private projects).

VD motion to request that "Any of the City's infrastructure changes that affect public access, including public buildings and public rights of way, are subject to review by the Disability Access Commission prior to final design. The twenty day review period will help the Disability Access Commission ensure the project meets ADA standards." Second BW. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Roundabout Books on Pierce Street

LR has not seen anything about Roundabout Books. LK stated that there is a plan for the bookstore to move to Pierce St.

Announcements

Healthcare equity movie and panel discussion at the Shea Theater

LK has a ticket if anyone would like to go. The program is through the Western Mass Health Equity Network.

BW shared photos of the Fiske Ave Pocket Park.

Next meeting June 9, 2022

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

