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Greenfield Commission on Disability Access (CDA)

Thursday, November 10, 2022, at 1:00 pm

Via Zoom

Members present:

Lynne Kelley, Chair

Douglas Mayo

Bob Williford

Virginia “Ginny” DeSorgher (joined at 1:35pm)

Members absent:

Also present:

Christian LaPlante, Community Development

MJ Adams, Community Development

Pamela McBride, GPL

LK called the meeting to order at 1:05PM

Approval of the minutes from September 8, 2022

Motion by DM to accept the minutes as written, second LK. 2-0-1, BW abstaining. Approved.

Treasurers report postponed to December 2022 meeting

LK would like members to think about how funds could be spent, e.g. charging station, things for the new library.

ONGOING ISSUES

Certifying authority for Perkins library

BW did not hear back, a form may be needed.

Building access/Townhall signage

MJ Adams gave an update on her department's capital request for designs/specs for City hall accessibility improvements. Need to know the cost for when the time comes. There is an earmark in one of the state's accessibility bills for Greenfield City Hall. Bid ready specs will prepare for that funding. Could add wheelchair charger to designs potentially. Also, Health Department is requesting for a Portland Loo which will likely need discussion about accessibility.

On parking garage issues, LK says good news is the door is very easy to open, bad news is that there is no flat landing in front of the door. There is no curb cut at the bottom of the ramp so you have to exit right in front of the exit. LK will look into contacting the Mayor's Office.

CL stated that there is now a sign on the front door of City Hall directing people to the side, accessible entrance.

BW stated that Roundabout Books has accessibility issues, parking there and getting into the building is difficult.

BW added that Housing Greenfield is hosting a discussion on work going on at the Wells Street shelter where new units are being added.



COVID-19 information

LK thanked CL for adding link to low vision test kits on City website.

City of Greenfield website evaluation of accessibility features

BW has not had any updates from the Mayor's Office.

Sidewalk repair/Elm Terrace bus stop

VD attended Elm Terrace Board Meeting last week and informed them that a grant has been submitted for sidewalks near Elm Terrace. LK stated that grant has not been announced yet.

NEW BUSINESS

Program participation with COA

Hope McCary would like to know if the CDA would like to partner with the Senior Center again for a Mass EDP program. CDA agreed and is in favor of doing the program with them, LK will let Hope know.

Participation in podcast

LK noticed the Mayor is doing a monthly podcast and thinks it might be a good idea for the CDA to join an episode. BW suggested using CDA's presence as an opportunity to discuss some specific accessibility issues, e.g. parking garage. CL stated that Aaron Kupec in the Mayor's Office is the one to contact. LK and BW will discuss being the one to reach out and be the guest on the podcast.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BW attended US Access Board Webinar and heard right of way regulations are being updated and will finally be in their final form. Automatic doors will be required in some instances.

VD suggested looking for the level that measures ramp grade.

LK will be stepping down as Chair and will be an alternate going forward. DM volunteered as he is not running for another term as City councilor and the CDA is something he takes pride in. His term ends December 2024. LK suggested getting together with DM to do a hand off of the chair position. LK added that CAM training should be done ASAP.

LK will plan for next meeting to be a transition. Next meeting new chair will be elected.

VD suggested being on the lookout for new members.

Next meeting December 8, 2022

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by VD, second DM. All in favor 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 2:15pm.

