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**GREENFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS**

**COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ACCESS**

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*Members:*

Douglas Mayo – Chair  
Virginia DeSorgher  
Robert Williford  
Lynne Kelley – Alternate

**Greenfield Commission on Disability Access (CDA)**

Thursday, January 12, 2023, at 1:00 pm

Via Zoom

**Members present:**

Lynne Kelley  
Douglas Mayo – Chair  
Virginia “Ginny” DeSorgher

**Members absent:**

Bob Williford

**Also present:**

Christian LaPlante, Community Development  
MJ Adams, Community Development  
Pamela McBride, Greenfield Public Library

DM called the meeting to order at 1:01PM

**Approval of the minutes from December 8, 2022**

Motion by VD to approve the minutes as written, second LK. All in favor 3-0.

**Treasurers report**

Report from December from VD: \$300 left in stipend and \$5,621 in handicap parking fund. Motion to accept the treasurer’s report by LK, second DM. All in favor 3-0.

## **ONGOING ISSUES**

### **Building access**

VD stated that checking in on the status of Sanderson St improvements should happen. VD does not think all renovations have happened yet.

Pamela McBride stated that back door of library is still open.

### **Capital projects through the community development department**

MJA stated that the \$25,000 for architect for city hall was not advanced by the capital committee. Exploring using program income funds for the architect instead. Could use a letter of support from CDA.

VD stated that she is not in support of project as it would trigger all code work to be completed at City Hall. VD would be in support of using the \$25,000 just for bathroom work. MJA stated that specs are needed in order to do the bathroom work and that threshold would trigger handicap accessibility compliance not all code compliance. MJA added that submission to DHCD for the project is in February. VD stated that she is support of accessibility but \$500,000 in improvements will require all parts of City Hall to be made accessible.

### **COVID-19 information**

LK stated that with a new variant in the area masking in public is recommended again. Evershield drug for people with compromised immune systems has been shown to not be effective against new strain. Still recommending that if you test positive to contact your doctor.

## **Program participation with COA**

LK is working with Hope MacCary on the Mass Equipment Distribution Program and will have a date soon.

## **Sidewalk repair**

VD asked MJA if she knew of any grants for sidewalks submitted recently, MJA suggested reaching out to Athena as MOD grant for sidewalks was rejected. VD stated that sidewalks are a real issue as they are causing tripping.

## **Portland Loo**

VD stated that one is on order from ARPA funding for the Chapman-Davis parking lot. DM would like to see a Portland Loo in the Energy Park.

LK asked who maintains the Portland Loo. LK stated that it is not yet determined but may be DPW. VD will be in touch with Marlo Warner.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Community preservation act projects – Ginny updates**

VD stated that she wrote the application for sidewalk at GHS track with Christy Moore. \$1000 estimate. Community Preservation asked if there are matching funds. There are also many recreation projects at CPA. VD would suggest to use Handicap Parking fund toward the \$1000 or for Bocce Court accessibility. DM would be in favor of using the funds like this rather than letting them sit. LK is also in favor especially because it is recreation.

Motion by VD to put \$600 from Handicap Parking fund toward the GHS track project and \$4500 toward access at the proposed Bocce Courts, second DM. All in favor 3-0.

### **Participation in podcast**

DM thinks participating in the Mayor's podcast is a good idea. DM himself would not be the one participating in the podcast but would like someone else to take the lead on this. VD also feels she would not be the one. LK stated that her and Bob Williford will discuss it together and then reach out to the Mayor's Office. DM and VD thanked BW and LK for being willing to participate.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CL stated that Laura Jordan submitted her resignation with a signature so the vacant spot on the commission can now be filled.

DM stated that he is concerned he may not be reappointed to the commission when his term is up.

### **Next meeting February 9, 2023**

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by VD, second DM. All in favor 3-0.

