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Robert Williford
Lynne Kelley – Alternate

Greenfield Commission on Disability Access (CDA)

Thursday, February 16, 2023, at 1:00 pm

Via Zoom

Members present:

Lynne Kelley
Douglas Mayo – Chair
Bob Williford

Members absent:

Virginia “Ginny” DeSorgher

Also present:

Christian LaPlante, Community Development
Anna Oltman, Community Development
Ellie Mandell

DM called the meeting to order at 1:02PM

Approval of the minutes from January 12, 2023

Motion to accept minutes LK, second DM. One edit to change date from 2022 to 2023. LK, DM in favor, BW abstaining. 2-0-1.

Treasurers report

Next update in April

ONGOING ISSUES

Building access

BW mentioned the back door of the library building has an asphalt path with a poor transition that could be filled. Not really an ADA accessible path at the moment. DM will reach out to Marlo Warner.

BW also mentioned that there has not been any movement yet for redoing the railing, ramp, and actuator at the Olive Street Parking Garage. A redo of the entry system to the garage is underway. DM can reach out to Mayor's Office. LK will write up a short paragraph on the issues with the lack of actuator at the parking garage.

COVID-19 information

LK stated that currently the risk is low in Greenfield according to wastewater data. DM stated that elderly and disabled are considered the most at risk for long covid according to latest research.

Program participation with COA

LK spoke with Hope Macary and there are three tentative dates, June 15th, June 20th, and June 22nd. One of the dates would be the day so the program will take place in June for certain.

Sidewalk repair

BW drove by Foster's and saw that sidewalks are being poured that serve Elm Terrace. Also saw that Wells Street is having sidewalks going out to bid. Will address a very poor stretch of sidewalk. DM would like to know the date of completion. DM added that when he shared a sidewalk with a tripping hazard with the DPW, Marlo stated that if a second person calls to report the

same issue it can create legal issues if not addressed. The area was fixed the same day.

LK stated that there is a design public hearing for DOT curb cuts in Greenfield.

Portland Loo

DM saw an example from another town where an outdoor bathroom (non-portland loo) was double the price tag of a Portland Loo. Was surprised they were not looking at the loo.

BW stated that there is also a request for bids out for the Portland Loo. Heating kicks in below 40 degrees to prevent pipes from freezing.

Community preservation act projects

LK stated that Ginny was following up on those projects. CL stated that he gave an update to the Community Preservation Committee at their most recent meeting sharing that the CDA had contributed some additional funding.

Participation in podcast

LK stated that there is still potential for the CDA to be on the podcast. BW suggested making a list of CDA successes to share on the podcast. LK suggested talking about the transition plan. CL stated that the first step is to reach out to Communications Director Aaron Kupec. LK and BW will get together to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

CDA assistance to Green Fields Market ADA planning – Bob Williford

BW stated that the market is moving into the former Wilson's building and someone had suggested to have the CDA involved with the project like with the library project. BW would like to know if the other members of the CDA felt there were any cons to helping the market out. BW just wonders if there is any liability involved with the CDA stating what and what is not ADA compliant. LK wonders if there is an architect at this time. LK added that the Wilson's building was already fairly ADA friendly. BW and DM will look into it. BW can look into inviting someone involved with the project to a future CDA meeting.

Mass DOT public hearing on pedestrian curb ramps

LK stated that the public hearing is tonight at 6:00pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LK suggested having a placeholder in the agenda for the transition plan. AO asked who would be responsible for ADA trainings for the city. LK stated that it would be the Mass Office on Disability as they have a training department. It would be on the city to reach out to MOD to coordinate a time where all department heads would attend. LK also suggested AO look into Community Access Monitor (CAM) trainings. There are also ADA Coordinator trainings.

BW attended a webinar by HUD with an explanation of the fair housing act. Fair housing act standards have not been updated in 25 years. There is some kind of disconnect between ADA and FHA, example being how big a kitchen needs to be to be maneuverable.

DM thanked Ellie Mandell for attending.

Next meeting March 9, 2023

Adjournment

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

