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**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, March 9, 2023, at 1:00 pm  
Via Zoom

**Members present:**

Lynne Kelley  
Douglas Mayo – Chair  
Bob Williford  
Virginia “Ginny” DeSorgher

**Members absent:**

**Also present:**

Christian LaPlante, Community Development  
Anna Oltman, Community Development  
Thomas Douglas  
Pamela McBride  
Amy Britt  
John Williams

DM called the meeting to order at 1:00PM

**Approval of the minutes from February 16, 2023**

Motion to accept minutes as written by DM, second LK. All in favor, Ginny abstaining. 3-0-1.

**Treasurers report**

Next update in April

## **ONGOING ISSUES**

### **Transition plan updates**

LK thinks it would be good to approach MOD about training programs. AO may work with department heads in the future once when she is the ADA Coordinator.

### **Building access**

PM asked if anyone had any questions about the library project, there were none, will have more updates at the next meeting.

BW asked if DM had asked Marlo Warner about the divot at the end of the accessible path to the library. DM believes it has been taken care of after looking at the area.

AO forwarded an email to the commission from someone concerned about accessibility issues at the Greenfield Housing Authority. Looking for thoughts from the commission. Ginny has spoken to the person that lives there and to Marlo Warner. There are a lot of people with disabilities who use the building. There needs to be an easy incline outside for people who are getting out of their cars.

Ginny will also talk with Marlo about Sanderson Street.

### **COVID-19 information**

No updates from LK. DM added that some stores in Greenfield have signs sharing the current risk status.

### **Program participation with COA**

LK stated the date for the equipment program is June 13<sup>th</sup>. It will be more of a lecture this time. The program would like the commission to participate and speak to what the commission does.

### **Sidewalk repair**

VD stated that \$200,000 is on the capital agenda this year. There are two other grants MOD and safe routes to schools also potentially funding sidewalks. AO is not sure about the status of other grants but the CDBG application that was just submitted has \$600,000 for sidewalks. BW added that Mass DOT is also repairing some intersections.

### **Portland Loo**

VD stated that the first Portland Loo has been funded with ARPA but the Mayor has not put the second one for capital funding yet.

### **Community preservation act projects**

CL shared that the CPC is still discussing the projects and will be voting on the recommendations at their March 23 meeting.

### **Participation in podcast**

LK has been busy and will try to start the process again this month. BW is a historian and would want to share the history of how concern accessibility came about.

### **CDA assistance to Green Fields Market ADA planning**

Thomas Douglas who is the architect for the Green Fields Market joined the meeting to share the work done so far in preparation for the new location in the Wilson's building.



Work will follow ADA and Massachusetts laws. Front and rear doors will be automatic. Space where there are currently retail shops will be a café for market. Bathrooms are single user accessible.

Plans are still very preliminary and not shared widely yet.

Ginny stated that it's good to talk on the front end to make sure things are set before too far along. Actuators on doors are one thing. Also make sure that project is aware parking might change up front of building.

Bob asked if fixtures from old space will be saved or if there will be new fixtures. There are ADA regulations about items like coolers as well. John Williams stated that many items will be replaced. Bob also asked if elevator could handle modern power chair. Thomas Douglas will look into it.

Lynne stated that the current plans look wonderful and that it will be great to be able to go in the store without worrying about bumping into someone. Emphasizes the importance of lowered counters in certain areas. Also have prepared food in a reachable area.

John Williams is grateful to be able to share the project at this stage and work with the commission as the project progresses.

### **MassDOT curb ramps**

BW stated that the commission has seen the drawings of where the improvements will take place. LK added that there has been some work done already at the proposed Washington St. intersection.



## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **SMILE wheelchairs**

LK stated that there is a group requesting donations for wheelchairs at beach locations in Mass. LK stated that it might not be doable at this time to send any money given the allocation to CPA projects. BW added that there is a map of which communities that have received wheelchairs and they are all on the coast. This might show there is a need for wheelchairs in Western Mass.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

LK stated there is a Community Access Monitor (CAM) training program in May. LK will send the link to DM.

BW asked who has had CAM training in Greenfield as they would be candidates for the commission. LK will touch base with MOD to see if she can get a list.

LK sent a letter about the ramp at the garage and it has now landed with Anna. VD would like an update at the next meeting.

**Next meeting April 13, 2023**

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn DM, second VD. All in favor.

