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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, April 13, 2023, at 1:00 pm

Via Zoom

**Members present:**

Douglas Mayo – Chair  
Bob Williford  
Virginia “Ginny” DeSorgher

**Members absent:**

Lynne Kelley

**Also present:**

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

DM called the meeting to order at 1:03PM

**Approval of the minutes from March 9, 2023**

Motion to approve minutes by VD, second BW. All in favor 3-0.

**4) Treasurers report – next update in April**

VD stated ordinary expenses remain at \$300.00, handicap parking fund \$6,621.05.

## **5) ONGOING ISSUES**

### a. Transition plan updates

AO stated that the Mayor has appointed AO as the new ADA coordinator. VD stated that the items at Sanderson Street are in DPW budget for FY24.

### b. Building access

BW asked if AO had any updates about Elm Terrace accessibility. AO stated that markings for accessible parking spots will be corrected. BW stated that the other issue is the accessible entrance is no longer being used. Automatic door opener is not available at current door being used. Signage is confusing. There is a doorbell for someone to ring to have the door opened for there. Tom Guerino had told BW to check with building department.

BW asked Pamela McBride if there are any updates for the transition to the new library. For the first week of the transition there will only be online services for the 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> week there will be curbside pickup. Deliveries will continue. There will be a book drop off built right into the building.

BW asked when they might see plans for Wells Street CSO project. AO has not seen any plans yet.

### c. COVID-19 information

BW stated that an executive order was signed by the president ending the covid emergency so some programs will likely end.

DM stated that hybrid meetings have been extended into 2025. BW added that there is an exemption for Commissions on Disability Access for remote meetings regardless.

d. Program participation with COA

BW suggested tying together the June COA program and podcast participation. BW added that Perkins Library has been sending people to COA for talking books program but now BW has heard that members of CDA should be able to approve from director of Perkins, more details to come.

e. Sidewalk repair

VD stated that council is voting on capital this April and a chunk of sidewalks will be able to be completed. Also CDBG money.

f. Portland Loo

VD stated that the Portland Loo will be completed this year by skatepark.

g. Community preservation act projects

CL stated that we will know if projects are approved at the May City Council meeting.

h. Participation in podcast

CL stated that Aaron Kupec who is the city's communications director and the one who has been spearheading the podcast will have his last day on Friday 4/14/23 so status of podcast will be uncertain potentially.

i. CDA assistance to Green Fields Market ADA planning

BW stated that the Green Fields Market project managers shared some details of the project at the last meeting. DM stated that there was an additional presentation at the historical commission. DM will try to get a hold of the documents that were presented.



j. MassDOT curb ramps

AO stated that there are no new updates since DOT's presentation.

## **6) NEW BUSINES**

a. MOD grant denial debrief – Anna Oltman

AO and Athena city grant's writer met with DOT and found out that 1) the funding was very competitive 2) city received funding in 2018 and it is a cycle of when communities receive funding. It is good that the city keeps applying every year according to MOD.

## **7) ANNOUNCEMENTS**

VD will go look at the Elm Terrace entrance.

BW stated that talking to Perkins Library at the Senior Center that descriptive audio for movies is important. BW stated that he has been in touch with Isaac Mass of Greenfield Garden to see if that is a possibility.

a. Next meeting May 11, 2023

8) Adjournment

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

