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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, July 13, 2023, at 1:00 pm

Via Zoom

**Members present:**

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

**Members absent:**

None

**Also present:**

Christian LaPlante, Community Development  
Anna Oltman, Community Development

LK began the meeting with a shout out to the memory of former commission member Margo Campbell.

DM called the meeting to order at 1:07PM

**Approval of the minutes from June 8, 2023**

Motion to approve minutes as written by VD, second LK. All in favor 4-0.

## **Treasurers report**

VD stated that there is  
\$500 in annual budget  
\$7,221.05 in handicap parking fund

Motion to accept the treasurers report by LK, second BW. All in favor 4-0.

## **ONGOING ISSUES**

### **Transition plan updates**

Athena Lee Bradley stated that a MOD grant was submitted last year. A debrief happened with MOD where it was found out that there was just not enough money to fund the project. Also should only be submitting one project at a time. Alan Twarog from DPW suggests Beacon Street sidewalks as a project. High traffic area, near hospital, schools. Sidewalks and panels on corner of Beacon/North.

BW asked what the definition of an ADA panel is; Athena stated that it is the same as a warning panel.

DM suggested that the hill to Main Street near Ford dealership is another alternative. BW suggested sidewalk near Green River swimming pool. VD stated that Marlo Warner has told her that paving the parking lot at Green River can't happen because of where it is in a flood zone.

Athena will bring a letter of support to next CDA meeting.

## **Building access**

BW stated that the back entrance to the library does not have an automatic door opener, some doors to meeting rooms require >5 lbs force to open. LK stated that the bathroom doors at the library need their push weight changed. VD agreed on the weight of the doors to meeting rooms.

VD has not seen if Sanderson St issues have been resolved.

## **Greenfield project updates**

*Community preservation act projects supported by Commission*  
CL stated that the projects will begin this summer.

### *Wilson's project*

AO stated that the zoning board passed the project. BW stated that at the ZBA meeting they talked about parking issues and they seem to have been resolved.

### *Portland Loo*

No updates

### *208 Mohawk Trail (ALDI)*

BW stated that he did send comments to planning via Anna. BW found out that the reason there is no curb cuts is because there are no curbs. All ALDI construction is zero curb. Also mentioned bus drop off locations. LK stated that the corner there will be extra busy.

### *Greenfield Information Kiosk at City Common*

CL stated that there is a reachability mode that allows content to move to bottom of the screen. Also enhanced contrast, inverted colors, and larger font.

### **COVID-19 information**

BW stated that there is no more daily reporting but data is still available on the city website.

### **Program participation with Council on Aging**

BW stated that he gave a short introduction to the CDA at the event. Perkins Library did not have a lot of time to present.

AO stated that the Senior Center is working with Assessors to create informational videos about tax relief process.

### **Sidewalk repair**

BW stated that there was some posts on Facebook about bushes overhanging sidewalks. BW looked up ordinance that states fines can be \$50 a day. Boston has an online form for people to report where there is not a curb cut which could be helpful in Greenfield.

### **Participation in podcast**

CL forgot to remove this agenda item.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Massachusetts Office on Disability (MOD) grant priorities**

See transition plan updates.

### **Accessible trails bill**

AO asked the commission if they would be interest in sending a draft letter of support. VD stated that it could be possible to make part of Highland Park accessible. BW added that there are no specifics to this bill such as percentages of trails, etc. LK added that accessible trails she has used are usually short distances. Motion to authorize Anna to write letter of support on behalf to

commission in support of accessible trails bill, second BW. All in favor 4-0.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

DM looking to sign up for MOD training after having technical issues signing up for the first one.

**Next meeting August 10, 2023**

## **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by VD, second BW. All in favor 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 1:57PM.

