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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, September 14, 2023, at 1:00 pm

Via Zoom

Members present:

Douglas Mayo – Chair
Bob Williford
Virginia Desorgher

Members absent:

Lynne Kelley

Also present:

Anna Oltman, ADA Coordinator
Christian LaPlante, Community Development
Pamela McBride

DM called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM

Approval of the minutes from August 17, 2023

Motion to approve minutes as written by BW, second VD. Bob and Ginny in favor, Doug abstaining. 2-0-1.

Treasurers report – next update in October

n/a

ONGOING ISSUES

Transition plan updates

VD stated that Haywood, Norwood, and Ames sidewalks are being completed, curious why they got bumped up ahead of other sidewalks that might be higher priority.

Building access

none

Sidewalk repair

BW stated that many of the curb cuts in upcoming sidewalk repairs are radial curbs cuts. The curb cuts point people into the center of the intersection as opposed to curb ramps that lead onto crosswalks. At one point the CDA was given permission to look at plans from outside site plan review but not city projects. BW is wondering if CDA should ask again that the CDA be involved in plan review. Motion by BW to have Anna bring concerns to Mayor that CDA is only involved with commercial projects and not city projects, second DM. All in favor 3-0.

DM accessed the library using a sit-down walker and had a hard time getting in. There is a one inch gap that makes it difficult. PM stated that it is something that will have to be discussed with the building committee. Her understanding is that the sliding glass doors do meet the minimum ADA. DM stated that his walker wheels get caught in the gap. BW stated that at most the gap could 1/2 inch. DM would like to have Anna contact the library building committee.

BW stated that he went to the library board meeting this week. 1) Anna Oltman has received a formal complaint about the library

access ramp. 2) There has been concerns about speeding. Speed bumps are suggested to be installed by a citizen. PM stated that the library lot is city purview so it would have to go through Parking & Traffic. 3) BW stated that PM brought forward the idea, which was approved, to have the winter farmers market in the library. PM stated that the winter farmers market will be in the library this year and the details are being worked out.

AO stated that she received a grievance about the library curb cut. She has 15 days to respond. Anna Bognolo, library director, has stated that guard rails will be installed that could address issues. AO will conduct a site visit to look at curb cut and door issues.

Greenfield project updates

Community preservation act projects supported by Commission
CL stated that both the beacon park and high school track projects are happening soon.

Wilson's project

AO stated that there has not been a ton of movement and that work will likely be beginning next year. DM stated that he heard there is a legal issue with Cleary Jewelers that is holding up the project.

Portland Loo

DM asked if the Portland Loo has actually arrived. VD is not sure.

NEW BUSINESS

VD asked who owns the sidewalk in front of the post office. She heard that it was in disrepair. CL suggested reaching out to DPW. BW suggested that VD also look at sidewalk on Franklin Street.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next meeting October 12, 2023

Adjournment

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

