



Commission on Disability Meeting
August 17, 2023
Minutes of Meeting

The meeting of the Commission on Disability was held at 4:00pm on Thursday, August 17, 2023, virtually using Google Meet Software. Attending the meeting were Sarah Quinn, Shiri Ronen-Attia, Michelle Sweeney, Christine Diaz, and Peter McFarland. Also in attendance was Michael Rosen.

The meeting was called to order at 4:03pm.

Agenda items for discussion were as follows:

1. The draft minutes of the July 20, 2023 meeting was moved for approval by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Ms. Diaz. Unanimous.
2. A letter of support for the Nahatan Street signals capital project was discussed, and motioned for approval by Mr. McFarland, seconded by Ms. Diaz. Unanimous.
3. This letter was drafted with the following wording: Norwood's Commission on Disability (COD) voted unanimously in support of the Nahatan Street traffic signalization capital project, to be funded by borrowing in FY24. The COD has discussed this topic many times over the past few years as a project that will improve the lives and experiences of Norwood's disability community. The current signals along Nahatan Street presently pose challenges for folks with disabilities, and these capital improvements will be welcomed.
4. Mr. Rosen gave an update on the Municipal ADA Improvement Grant. With the assistance of office support, the Manager's Office is putting together two grant applications, both in the amount of \$250,000, to explore improvements that could benefit residents with disabilities. These grants will support capital improvements specifically dedicated to improving programmatic access and/or removing barriers encountered by persons with disabilities in both Recreation and Outdoor Dining. The deadline is within a month.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2023 at 4:00pm.

At 4:20 pm, Mr. McFarland made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Diaz seconded the motion. The motion, through a rollcall, was approved unanimously.

Duly submitted by Michael Rosen, Assistant General Manager