

COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

June 3, 2013

MINUTES

In Attendance: Barbara Tennison, Lynn Vaillancourt, Jennifer Shaw, Judy Coletta and Robin Torpey

Building Department Liaison: Mike McGourty

Liaison to the Mayor's Office: Not in attendance

Meeting Opened: 6:30 P.M. **Meeting Adjourned:** 7:35 P.M.

Notes Approved: April 1, 2013 & May 13, 2013

Telephone Calls: Received call from Disability Law Center in Boston, wanting to confirm that our C.O.D. information is up-to-date. Robin did confirm information they had was current.

ON-GOING/STATUS:

1. Proposed Community Center/Playground Restrooms status of elevator:
No update. Per Mike McGourty, the back entrance will be the accessible entrance. There will be minimal parking spaces at the building.
2. Town Hall Accessible Entrance:
Christine Stickney met with Tom Whalen, Planning will start the advertising process for architects for proposals for the project.
3. Water & Sewer Bldg.: (Old Thayer Library)
No update.
4. Transition Plan (TP):
Received a memorandum from Russ Forsberg updating us on the TP. The Town is looking for another Bldg. Inspector. They are starting work on the TP the end of June. When they are complete, they will have the COD review. Barbara Tennison suggested doing it in sections, so that it can be reviewed as they go. Currently they are working on maintenance issues that do not affect AAB/ADA accessibility code issues.
5. Funding for a Shading System for the Rock'N Ship Glider at the Highlands Playground:
Per Barbara Tennison, still no word, hopefully will have an answer by the end of June.
6. Mass Highway's repaving of Route 37:
No update.
7. Watson Park Splash Pad & High School pool & rink plans status:
Final walk through is nearing with the completion of the splash pad. Plans will need to be signed off by Bldg. dept. when it is completed. Mike McGourty will follow through with this.
8. High School/Pool and Rink
No update per Mike McGourty.
9. Daugherty Gym/MEMA:
No update.
10. Community Outreach Mailing:
No update.

11. Parks and Recreation Accessible Transportation:
Per Lynn Vaillancourt, the Plymouth & Brockton buses are accessible and can be rented. This information was obtained from the list received from Jeff Dougan. There are also other bus companies that offer accessibility. Celebrity Tours needs to contact one of these companies when the need arises for accessible transportation. Lynn will let Nelson Chin know about this information. Lynn will further investigate to make sure the buses are fully accessible. The C.O.D. will then send a letter to Mayor Sullivan and a copy to Nelson Chin with the findings.
12. Mobi-Chair/Town Purchase status:
No update, as Chris Griffin was not in attendance.
13. Charlotte Rose Playground-outreach:
Christine Stickney will speak to the playground committee to let them know that the land is in a Historic District and must comply with guidelines from the Historic Preservation Committee.. Barbara Tennison will speak to Christine in regards to this issue, as the playground is scheduled for an August 2013 opening.
14. HP Funds-Review of Revenue:
No update. Fiscal year ends June 30, 2013.
15. Serving People with Disabilities Grant:
Barbara Tennison has not heard from Connie Collier, Asst. Director of the Library. Barbara will e-mail Connie for updated status.

NEW:

16. Disability Awareness Outreach:
Lynn Vaillancourt suggested having a curb & grass mobility challenge for able bodied people by having them use a wheelchair while maneuvering around at a public event so it would give them the same experience as person in a wheelchair experiences on a daily basis. C.O.D. needs to keep an eye open for these events. Per Mike McGourty, the police dept. has an event in August. Robin Torpey will contact Lisa Fahey, at the police dept.
17. Suggestion to invite Tom Whalen to the C.O.D.'s July meeting to discuss town wide construction.
Barbara Tennison will extend an invitation to Mr. Whalen. Mike McGourty suggested having a list of projects that need accessible updates.

(RT 6/20/2013)