

Sudbury Commission on Disabilities

Minutes of meeting Tuesday, July 25, 2006; 5:30 PM, Sudbury Senior Center

Present: Chair, David Mortimer, Kristin Kiesel, Stephen Machnik

Absent: Oscar Harrell

Next meeting	Tuesday, June 27, 2006, 5:30 PM, Sudbury Senior Center.		
Issue	Discussion	Decisions/Questions	Next Steps
Minutes		The minutes of the May 23, 2006 meeting were approved as submitted.	
Old Business			
Municipal Parking Lot Striping	<p>Steve's girlfriend's daughter, Tess Zinnes, has been working with a group of other high school students to measure all municipal parking lots to see if they conform to the ADA regulations. Many do not, either because they lack handicap spaces, the signs are too low, or the spaces lack the required aisles. As the students finish a survey, they are completing a report.</p> <p>If other volunteers are located, they may need training. Mark Dempsey is willing to train them with a small amount of notice.</p> <p>Smart level: this is needed to determine the slope of ramps into buildings. The one from the parking lot into the school department offices at the Fairbank building is definitely out of compliance.</p>	<p>Are the students completing a suggested design for the Town engineers to follow in laying out the new spaces?</p> <p>Measuring tapes were purchased through the building department.</p> <p>We need to get the info to Bill Place before striping begins in August.</p> <p>Kris has been told that the DPW vendors don't carry this level. Kris has a call in to Bruce Kankapaa at the Sudbury engineering department to see if they can purchase one for us.</p>	<p>Tess will call Dave with an update when the survey is complete.</p> <p>Steve will locate the forms and drop them off to Dave. Dave will call Bill after he sees the completed forms.</p> <p>If we can't get a level fast enough through the Town, Dave will try to borrow one from the Independent Living Center in Framingham, until we can purchase our own.</p>

<p>Housing for people with retardation</p>	<p>Dave reported details of Judith Rhome's concept for a group home. Dave went to a meeting with Mrs. Rhome, Jody Kablack, Kasey Kang from the Housing Authority Board, JoAnne Howe from the Housing Authority, and Dave were all there. Mrs. Rhome sees the home as a place for 4 people with Down's syndrome to live, a drop in center for people with disabilities where meaningful activities take place, and a wildlife sanctuary with accessible trails open to all. Mrs. Rhome is quite specific about her vision.</p>	<p>The center would need to be funded by a non-profit foundation (to be created) but funds may be available from the Sudbury Valley trustees to help clean up the woodlands. This will be a multi-year project.</p>	
<p>Transportation Committee Report</p>	<p>Kris updated the group on the activities of the Transportation Committee, which can be read in full in the minutes of that Committee.</p>	<p>Sudbury Town Planner Jody Kablack is interested in this initiative.</p>	<p>See minutes of the transportation committee for more details.</p>
<p>Multiple Chemical Sensitivity Awareness Presentations</p>	<p>A presentation to seniors will be part of the Soup's On series October 19 at 12:30 in the Senior Center.</p> <p>Dave has not heard from Wayne Walker as to whether there should also be a training for staff.</p>		<p>Dave will speak with Wayne again.</p>
<p>Membership Progress Report</p>	<p>Oscar was not present at the meeting, nor was the attorney he hoped to recruit. Oscar has been reappointed by the Selectmen, for a term to expire in 2009.</p> <p>Tess Zennes would like to be on the Commission.</p>	<p>The committee needs to be comprised 51% of people with disabilities. What is the definition of disability? Kris has a hearing impairment, but it is not known if that qualifies.</p> <p>The Commission would welcome</p>	<p>Kris will ask Wayne Walker about the definition of disability.</p>

		Tess, perhaps as an associate member, but need to keep the ratio of people with disabilities correct.	
New Business			
Next meeting	Tuesday, August 22, 5:30 PM, in the Sudbury Senior Center		