

## Sudbury Commission on Disability

Minutes of meeting; June 25, 2007; 5:30 PM, Sudbury Senior Center

Present: Chair, David Mortimer, Cori Carvelli, Stephen Machnik, Sally Sack

Absent: Kris Kiesel, Susan Stocker, Tess Zinnes

Next meeting			
Issue	Discussion	Decisions/Questions	Next Steps
Minutes	Minutes of the May 31, 2007 meeting were approved as submitted.		
<b>Old Business</b>			
MRC MetroWest Advisory Council	Steve had volunteered to represent the Commission at the meetings on the last Wednesday of each month. Due to returning from vacation, Steve will be unable to rearrange his schedule until next month.	Steve will represent the Commission starting with their July meeting.	Steve will call Janice Ngau (Area Office Director) and let her know he is our representative and will be coming next month.
Group Home Update	<p>The effort is now officially known as the "Woods Road Sanctuary Project (Inc.)".</p> <p>Six people have agreed to serve on the Board and their first meeting was June 4, 2007 and will continue to meet on the first Wednesday of every month.</p> <p>David was elected to serve as Secretary.</p>	David explained that this will be a slow process and described it currently as a "work in progress".	David will continue to update the Commission as the project progresses.
Transportation Update	There was a meeting on June 19,2007 with Ed Carr (Executive Director of MWRTA), Maureen Valente, Jody Kablack, and both Kris and Dave, (plus a representative from the Stowe	It looks positive toward Sudbury joining the RTA, and doing this may be a funding mechanism for a joint dispatcher with Wayland, perhaps	Mr. Carr is working with Emmett Schmarsow, from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs, to have a joint meeting with all the COAs in

	COA).	some extended hours, maintenance for the van(s), and more. It is definite that the RTA could contract with the Senior Center to deliver the services.	<p>this area to talk about developing a consortium for transportation for seniors and people with disabilities in our area. This meeting should happen toward the end of July.</p> <p>When she gets back from vacation, Kris suggested to the Joint Transportation Committee (both Sudbury and Wayland branches) that they will want to meet to crystallize ideas and see if they can put together a proposal to MWRTA that makes sense.</p>
Sudbury ADA Plan	No meeting of the subcommittee was held in June due to L/S graduation and Steve's vacation	<p>In reviewing files that had been turned over to him when he became active with the Commission, Dave found some additional documents, written by the previous Building Inspector, which list the majority of town buildings as non-compliant.</p> <p>Dave will write a working document summarizing the contents of all the documents we have received to date.</p> <p>He asked that Susan and Steve do the same to insure that all points of view will be covered.</p>	Steve and Dave (with input from Susan) will meet during July
Publicity	At our last meeting Susan had presented two press releases for the members review and comments	<p>Due to Susan's absence no report about any responses she may have received was available.</p> <p>Steve also suggested that we assist Susan in preparing a continuing series of press releases and articles</p>	Susan will be contacted and authorized to send out the releases at her discretion.

		similar to the format Susan originally proposed.	
Disability Awareness Day	Due to L/S graduation work has stopped on the documentary.	<p>A hearing-impaired student, Elisa Kramer, has agreed to be interviewed as part of the documentary about her four years at L/S.</p> <p>It is essential that this interview be taped and the editing be completed ASAP so that the documentary can be shown while it is still timely.</p>	Dave will contact the videographer, to tape the remaining interview and complete the editing process.
<b>New Business</b>			
Community Access Monitor Training	<p>Sally and Dave both attended the two day training conducted by the MA Office on Disability in Bellingham. The both reported that they found it very useful and time well spent.</p> <p>Sally provided summary handouts for the other members of the ADA accessibility standards.</p>	<p>Dave emphasized that Sally's handout was ADA standards and varied (in some cases) from the MA AAB standards which are more commonly used.</p> <p>In a related matter, Dave did an evaluation of the compliance of the Fairbank voting area and a report was forwarded to town officials so that the area can be made compliant before the Presidential primary and final election.</p>	
Financial Report	In Susan's absence, Dave presented the monthly report of activity in the Commission's account.	It seems that there was one fine from a handicapped parking violation credited to the account.	Dave will investigate whether past monthly statements are readily available and/or contact the police department to see if they keep statistics on the number (and locations) of handicapped parking violations issued
VIP Committee	Sudbury's Emergency Preparedness	Sally provided information on the	Due to the absence of several

	<p>Planning Committee has asked the Commission to send a representative.</p>	<p>current composition of the VIP Committee.</p> <p>Dave isn't certain whether he has the time to represent the Commission and wanted to throw it open to all members to see if there was other interest in being our representative.</p>	<p>members the decision on who would be the representative was postponed until our July meeting.</p>
<p>2007 Goals Status Report</p>	<p>The following 2007 goals were adopted at our February 26, 2007 meeting:</p> <p>a.) Develop publicity to create a continuing community awareness of the Commission and of the needs of people with disabilities.</p> <p>b.) Review and respond to the ADA Compliance plan for Sudbury.</p> <p>c.) Support and encourage a disability awareness project among L/S high school students (Tess' project).</p> <p>d.) Continued work on the parking lot striping project.</p> <p>e.) Get formally included in the process of reviewing plans for Sudbury.</p> <p>f.) Produce one or two public education forums during 2007.</p>	<p>a.) see above</p> <p>b.) see above</p> <p>c.) see above</p> <p>d.) two different approaches need to be adopted: for those parking areas reported to DPW/Engineering we simply need to see that the recommendations were carried out; for those not reported (mainly P&amp;R areas) a full report of issues of both parking and access to the fields needs to be developed.</p> <p>e.) this will eventually (if approved) be a joint function of the Commission and the Council on Aging.</p> <p>f.)two possibilities were suggested: Sally suggested that she will prepare a brochure, based on other towns Commission of Disabilities, with the goal of providing information to the public which would make them aware of the Sudbury Commission on Disability and what it does, as well as general information about</p>	<p>d.) Dave will prepare and distribute the information gathered last summer and will ask that as many members of the Commission as possible assist in the rechecking and surveying process.</p> <p>e) Dave will contact Jim Kelly (Building Inspector) to ascertain his feelings about the best way to insert a Commission/COA review of relevant prospective building plans to the permit process.</p> <p>f.) Steve and Sally will report back at our next meeting.</p>

		disabilities which would be helpful to make life easier for those with disabilities. Steve suggested that with all the news coverage concerning returning soldiers with Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) that he will investigate the possibility of a speaker's forum on the subject.	
<b>Next meeting</b>	Do to the large number of absent members a date for the July meeting will be determined at a later date.		