

Sudbury Commission on Disability

Minutes of meeting, Tuesday, September 30, 2008; 4:00 PM, Sudbury Senior Center

Present: Chair David Mortimer, Lotte Diomedede, Ben Halsband, Kris Kiesel, Susan Stocker, Anita Simon, and Carol Stoner

Absent with permission: Ronald McClanahan

Next meeting	Tuesday, October 28, 2008, 4:00 PM, Sudbury Senior Center, 40 Fairbank Road
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Minutes	Minutes of the Tuesday, August 26, 2008 meeting were approved as submitted.		

Old Business

High school signs	Ben noted at the last meeting that the Braille signs on rooms at the Lincoln/Sudbury High School might not be correct. It will probably take most of a day to read every sign for accuracy.	Dave has been trying to find out if L/S has a consultant that reads Braille who can go to each room and see if the signs are in fact accurate. The Mass Commission for the Blind said they thought that either L/S or the Sudbury schools has such a person available.	Dave will continue to try to get in contact with the consultant. If there is not such a person, perhaps the Commission needs to look into hiring one.
Sudbury ADA Self-Assessment and Transition Plan	Dave has received a form to complete for a Capital Budget request for the ADA plan. Wayne Walker has been seeking alternate sources of funding for the ADA and transition plan. Carol and Dave met with the Institute for Human Centered Design.	The capital request must be weighed by the Finance Committee along with all the other requests that hope to be funded from a limited pool of money. Should the Commission offer to pay for a portion of this project? The general sense of the meeting was that we should offer \$5,000 toward the project.	Carol will provide a report on the meeting with IHCD for Commission members by e-mail. Dave will complete the Capital Request form.
Parking	Susan called Waltham and spoke to Mark Johnson. They were using two	The Commission would like to have a four-hour detail from 10-2 every	Kris will check with Maureen Valente to be sure we have

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	<p>detail shifts a day at first, but are now using one shift a day. Waltham has a much bigger population and many more commercial areas to police. The Waltham program is still generating enough revenue to more than pay for the details. To kick off the project, a person named Jerry LeBlanc made a video for the officers, and a tip sheets was developed.</p> <p>We have not heard from Chief Fadgen as to the result of the survey of the problem he promised at an August 13 meeting.</p> <p>Dave had e-mailed an analysis of the parking tickets issued in the last year based on the revenue that appears on the statement from the Town accountant. Ticket volume has averaged .6 tickets per month. Commission members have anecdotally noticed many violators.</p>	<p>Saturday in November, to be funded from the handicap parking account.</p>	<p>authorization to spend the money on details.</p> <p>Dave & Susan will write up a formal request to send to Chief Fadgen via Wayne Walker for the details in November.</p>
<p>Parking issues at the polling places</p>	<p>Dave notes that nothing has been done to correct the parking issues at the Fairbank polling place; the curb cut is still not safely placed near the handicap spaces, and the signs are still just in tubs of cement, not affixed into the ground.</p>		
<p>Membership and Recruitment</p>	<p>An article about the opening on the Commission elicited one response, but that person could not make the</p>	<p>The Commission members agreed that they would be willing to change the meeting time to 7:00 PM if that</p>	<p>Dave will contact the potential member to see of a meeting time change could make it possible for</p>

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	<p>standard meeting time.</p> <p>Ron McClanahan definitely does want to resign due to personal and professional reasons, but won't be submitting a formal letter of resignation.</p> <p>We now have two openings on the Commission.</p>	<p>could accommodate the schedule of potential new member, who is an architect.</p> <p>The Commission voted unanimously to recommend that the Selectmen accept Ron's resignation with thanks for his service.</p>	<p>him to join.</p> <p>Kris will submit an item for the Selectmen's agenda with the recommendation that they accept Ron's resignation with thanks.</p> <p>Commission members agreed to mention the vacancies to their Sudbury friends who might be interested.</p>
<p>Survey of the population of people with disabilities in Sudbury</p>	<p>The Commission wants to learn more about the types of disabilities represented in the Sudbury populace so we can target our advocacy efforts more precisely.</p> <p>The members looked at what information needs to be included on the survey.</p>	<p>A line needs to be added about arthritis. Other suggestions were made as to content.</p> <p>It is not yet known how we will distribute this survey.</p>	<p>Kris will incorporate the suggestions in the draft survey, and will send it by e-mail to the Commission members.</p>
<p>Haskell Field Updates</p>	<p>The Boundless Playgrounds project seems to be moving slowly. One issue is whether the septic system at Haskell field needs to be improved because of lack of capacity. Lotte contacted a plumbing expert who said that if the number of bathroom fixtures is not changed the system does not need to be upgraded. One potential design could have the same number of stalls, but make all of them handicap accessible, and have a separate changing room for the use of parents of children with disabilities.</p>	<p>Unknowns: Will the playground need to go out to bid? Will Little Tykes be added to the state approved list of vendors soon enough? How can funds be raised if it is not clear that the friends group of the Park and Rec department will allow the committee enough control over the way funds are spent? Can we get a drawing of the way the playground is supposed to look to show prospective donors?</p>	<p>Lotte is running Texas Hold 'em fundraising night Saturday, November 1. She is working on getting the wood for the playground donated by Lowes.</p>

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	<p>Dave notes that the existing sidewalks around Haskell Field and up the side of the field are not accessible because of their degraded surface, which includes large gaps in the paving and heaves from tree roots. So even if the new walking loop paving is fine and the adult exercise area is fine, the project cannot be termed accessible.</p>		
New Business			
<p>Livable Communities</p>	<p>Dave and Carol went to an interesting meeting at Institute for Human Centered Design. The new terminology, instead of “Universal Design” is “Design for All”.</p>	<p>Should the Commission press for adopting of the (more vague) housing requirements of design for all, or try to get the Fair Housing standard which are law for multiple family dwellings applied to single family homes, and written into the zoning code in town?</p>	<p>The Commission needs to approach Jim Kelly to get his buy-in.</p>
<p>Next meeting</p>	<p>The next meetings will be Tuesdays, October 28, November 18, January 6 and January 27 at 4:00 in the Sudbury Senior Center.</p>		

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