

Sudbury Commission on Disability

Minutes of meeting, Tuesday, July 28, 2009; 6:00 PM, Sudbury Senior Center

Present: Chair, Susan Stocker, Lotte Diomede, Ben Halsband, Kris Kiesel, Peter Sargent, and Carol Stoner

Absent: David Mortimer

Next meeting	Tuesday, August 25, 2009, 7:00 PM, Sudbury Senior Center, 40 Fairbank Road
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Minutes	The minutes of the June 30, 2009 meeting were accepted as amended.		
The Commission on Disability is saddened by the loss of member Anita Simon. She was a role model and an inspiration, remaining positive and involved in life despite her health challenges. She never felt sorry for herself, and always looked to see how she could reach out to others. She will be missed. The Commission VOTED unanimously to make its financial contribution to the accessible playground in honor of Anita.			
Old Business			
Assessing Sudbury’s Fields	<p>Susan has revised the checklist to use in assessing Sudbury’s fields. The Commission reviewed the checklist and made suggestions.</p> <p>It was agreed that Susan has done an excellent job in making a confusing mass of regulations simple and comprehensible, and has developed a tool that will be easy to use. She kept it to one page, one side for each aspect of a field, but noted that there may be a need to use more than one copy of certain sheets depending on what exists at each field.</p> <p>The definitions and regulations cited will be included at the end.</p> <p>People may need some identification</p>	<p>Some changes in wording were suggested.</p> <p>The Commission noted that the words “firm and stable” are vague. Instead it was decided to rank parking lot surfaces on a scale from 1 to 5, with 1 being new and 5 being in need of replacement.</p> <p>Photos will help people understand the conditions that are in need of remediation.</p> <p>It was agreed that one person can assess a field, which makes scheduling easier.</p> <p>The following fields were assigned:</p> <p>Carol: Davis; Peter: Feeley; Susan: upper and lower Featherland; Lotte:</p>	<p>Susan will talk with Jody Kablack, Bill Place, and Nancy McShea regarding the assessing process.</p> <p>Kris will send Susan the telephone numbers for all three.</p> <p>Susan will revise and amend the checklist, and get copies to all by email.</p> <p>Peter will get GIS or Google Earth plans of each of the fields to members for their use in noting needed upgrades.</p> <p>Commission members will use the revised checklist to assess their assigned fields.</p> <p>Kris will keep a log of who uses the Smart level when, since there is</p>

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	<p>as they go to assess fields.</p> <p>Peter can print out large copies of the sites for each field if needed.</p>	<p>Horse Pond; Kris: Fairbank and Haskell. It is hoped that the fields will be assessed in August, with some overlap into September.</p>	<p>only one and it must be shared to assess the fields.</p> <p>Kris will make badges for all.</p>
Publicity and Blog	<p>Peter is ready to release the first article (about the library project) but wants to make sure the library is ready.</p> <p>Susan suggested that it would be good if the state developed a blog site for the use of the Commissions on Disability around the state to share forms, best practices, etc.</p>	<p>Peter said that Susan had done a good job developing a proposed list of articles.</p> <p>Does Boston.com have a separate distribution list for postings? Does Boston central publish local items?</p>	<p>Lotte will check with Boston Central.</p>
SMILE Playground	<p>A meeting with Maureen Valente et. Al will be held Wednesday, July 29 at 1:30 in the Flynn building. The SMILE group will present a business plan for the playground, with two budgets reflecting two different approaches.</p>	<p>The picket fence idea is being converted to personalized bricks.</p> <p>The Sudbury Foundation may support the project if: 1) It gets a signed consent form from Wayne Walker that the project is a “go”; and 2) it gets details about how exactly its money would be spent. (For rubberized footing.)</p>	
CERT Emergency Preparation Fair	<p>The fair will be held September 13, and the Commission wants to participate. What should our table offer?</p>	<p>The group will share ideas by e-mail. Peter can print out large items for display.</p>	
Survey	<p>We can’t go ahead until Wayne Walker agrees.</p>	<p>We will need to build a case for the survey in order to get his OK.</p>	
Library project	<p>The ZoomText software is causing the computer to run very slowly.</p>	<p>The PTO might fund a new computer if that is what is needed.</p>	<p>Peter will speak with people at the library to see if it can be</p>

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			determined what the problem is.
Commission on Disability website	The Commission on Disability portion of the Sudbury town website can be made much more useful. For example, it would be helpful to have resources and links for particular segments of the disability community.	Carol would like to add information on seeking guardianship or the parents of a person with disabilities who is turning 18 and who cannot manage his or her own affairs.	Tabled
Braille signs at high school	The Braille signs at L/S High School are incorrect. Some do not say the same thing as the visible sign says.	Scott Carpenter would be the person to contact about changes.	
Cooperating and Coordinating with Other Town Bodies	Susan has drafted a letter to other town bodies offering the Commission's assistance.	The members suggested minor changes, and decided the letter should go by e-mail when the time is ripe. It needs to wait until the Commission on Disability website is more helpful.	
New Business			
Meeting schedule	The last two meetings of the year may conflict with Thanksgiving and Christmas.	The Commission VOTED to hold the November meeting as scheduled, but skip the December meeting.	
Next meeting	The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 25 at 7:00 in the Sudbury Senior Center. Further meeting dates are: September 29, October 27, November 24, and January 26, 2010 (last Tuesday of each month).		

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