

Sudbury Commission on Disability

Minutes of meeting, Tuesday, March 30, 2010; 7:00 PM, Sudbury Senior Center

Present: Chair, Susan Stocker, Lotte Diomede, Ben Halsband, Peter Sargent

Absent: David Mortimer, Kris Kiesel

Guests: Dina Johnson, Jackie Kilroy

Next meeting	Tuesday, April 27th, 7:00 PM, Sudbury Senior Center, 40 Fairbank Road
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Minutes	The minutes of the Tuesday, March 03, 2010 meeting were accepted as submitted.		
<p>Guest Dina Johnson was welcomed. Dina lives in Sudbury with her family and has a son with disabilities (legally blind). Dina expressed that she wants to learn more about what SCOD does and is interested in accessibility issues. Dina learned about SCOD from the town website. A discussion followed regarding vision impaired issues. Open Meeting Laws and time challenge issues were discussed. Dina mentioned the DASH program regarding disability education for school aged children. Guest Jackie Kilroy was attending for her second time because she is interested in becoming a member of the Commission on Disability. Jackie stated that she has a disability (epilepsy) and that she is sensitive to conditions affecting people that are often overlooked by non-disabled people. One of her goals is to educate and advocate for people with convulsive disorders. SCOD members then introduced themselves. Susan, Peter, Lotte and Ben each gave a brief introduction and personal background.</p>			
Old Business			
Publicity	Peter experienced some issues sending out the press releases via the Town Crier website (Send Your News link). Peter spoke with Kathy Uek at the Crier and has received the proper instruction which is to send articles directly to Kathy. Peter has since resent the recruiting article directly to Kathy.	Lotte mentioned submitting interviews of SCOD members. The group discussed education in the schools regarding disability awareness. Members explained how SCOD receives funds through the handicap parking violations. Dina and Jackie both found out about the Commission on Disability on the Town website.	Peter to send out all articles to multiple places and with regularity so the publishers will come to expect content and perhaps reserve space. Members to ponder potential content for future press releases.
Walkways	Susan read from the Walkway Planning Initiative and the group	Susan did not call Bill Place.	Susan will send questions to Lotte. Lotte will call Bill Place to get

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	discussed how to request repair or construction of walkways as well as the process for tracking and timeframe of current and proposed construction. Questions for Bill Place (SCOD generated) were distributed to attendees. Susan presented StreetScapes, a Boston Accessibility Project for review as it relates to a Sudbury survey.		answers to the questions.
ADA and Transition Plan	Susan offered an overview of ADA and the Transition Plan, including the responsibility of the Town to survey public buildings for accessibility and to then produce a transition plan. Susan did post some questions on Google and received response from Jeff Dougan (MOD) offering his services.	Susan will send the Google group link to SCOD members.	SCOD members to review Google link content as it is a good resource for handicap fines and parking, webinars, etc. Group to continue to discuss and monitor for responses to Susans question of whether there have been identifiable benefits for towns that have developed their ADA plan.
Braille signs at all schools	The biggest problem at LS is that the Braille signs are not compliant – room numbers are correct, but room names are not. Many of the signs havethe Braille letters picked off. The Curtis school is under way. Lotte called other schools to be checked out and offered SCOD services and no one called back after 30 days.	Next schools to be surveyed are Noyes, then Loring.	Lotte to contact TVI (teacher of the visually impaired) at Noyes and Loring to move forward. Dina offered to email Ben regarding Braille at Noyes. Lotte to email Dr. Brackett with info status as projects progress.
Fields	Group gave a brief overview to the guests of the fields survey project.		Susan to deliver surveys to Pete. Pete to consolidate and summarize the findings prior to sending on to

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			the Town Planner.
New Business			
Google Group	Susan reiterated the benefits of a specific Google group as a resource	Susan will send the Google group link to SCOD members.	SCOD members will be ready to discuss next month.
Handicap Parking Awareness	Jackie tabled raising awareness of handicap parking from a different angle.	How to achieve making the issue more personal? People photos associated with the HP spaces? What about Adopt-A-HP Space, companies sponsoring maintenance and compliance of parking spaces?	SCOD members to discuss further.
Next meeting	The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at 7:00 in the Sudbury Senior Center. Further meetings will be: May 25, June 29, and July 27 (last Tuesday of each month).		

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