

Sudbury Commission on Disability

Minutes of meeting, Tuesday, May 25, 2010; 7:00 PM, Sudbury Senior Center, 40 Fairbank Road, Sudbury, MA 01776

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

Absent:

Guests: Dina Johnson, Jackie Kilroy

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Minutes	The minutes of the Tuesday, April 27, 2010 meeting were accepted as amended.		
Membership	Jackie was interviewed over the telephone by Wayne Walker, who said he would recommend that Maureen/the Selectmen appoint her. Dina completed the membership application. A potential new member, Karen Baker, was not able to attend, but is expected to come next time. Because of her blindness, she needs a ride to the meeting. Ben announced that he may be moving to Somerville. If he does, he can no longer be a Commission member.	The Commission is not clear about whether Dave Mortimer remains a member of the Commission. The appointment process seems to have changed, as no previous candidates were interviewed by the Selectmen or Wayne Walker before their appointment.	Kris will submit Dina's application to the Selectmen's office, and will request a clarification about Dave's membership and also about the process for appointing new members.
Old Business			
Publicity	Peter gave the group a printed update about publicity efforts so far. He noted that the word "Commission" is incorrectly spelled on the Sudbury town website.	New ideas for publicity are welcome. The group encouraged Peter to contact the <i>Town Crier</i> to get the reporter to write an article about the Braille project. Dina has taken some photos which the newspaper can use.	Peter will call the <i>Town Crier</i> . Kris will address the misspelling with the Sudbury IT department.
Braille Project	The Braille project continues. L/S High	Loring hosts summer school, and so is	Dina will provide the survey info

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	School, Curtis Middle School, and Noyes are done. Next are Loring, Haynes, and Nixon.	open in the summer. This makes it a likely candidate for the next survey. As the project will be the next publicity vehicle, it will be important to stress that this project is a helpful collaboration between the Commission on Disability and the schools to improve accessibility for people with visual impairments. We want to provide the Noyes principal with a report, which can come from Ben with Dina's support.	to Lotte, who will help put the info from all the school into a consistent format. Dina will send the photos to Peter. Susan will write a report on the survey to Dr. Brackett.
Walkways	Jackie has made a database about walkways in Access for the use of the Commission but can't e-mail it right now due to computer issues. She has designed it to produce some reports, and asks that the Commission try it out and give her feedback so she can streamline it. She has already populated it with data from the old Walkways Committee.	Where should the database reside? Can it be placed on Sudbury's servers so that all Commission members can update it, and have it available for the use of Bill Place? What about security issues? The Town uses PeopleSoft with its GIS program. Could it be accessed by each of the members if it went to Googledocs?	Kris will check with the Sudbury IT department to ask about this.
ADA and Transition Plan	No update		
Goals	The goals have been removed from the formal mission and values statement, so they can be updated as needed.	The goal regarding publicity should be ongoing. The goal for the ADA compliance plan should be modified to say that the Commission will work to have Sudbury develop such a plan. The high school disability awareness goal was met; the Commission thinks that continued education efforts such as the DASH plan Dina mentioned at the last	The Commission could look into hosting a showing of the film <i>Including Samuel</i> at the library to raise awareness of the challenges of living with a disability. Dina will get information about an Orleans, MA project to supply wandering Alzheimer's patients with a GPS so they can be

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		meeting should be promoted; the parking lot striping project is complete; the Commission seems to have been formally included in the plan review process, so that goal is complete; and the public education forums should remain a goal.	located if they stray.
Other: Transportation	One former goal of the Commission was to help improve transportation options for Sudbury people with disabilities.	Since the goal was written, Sudbury has joined the MWRTA, which is funding the Senior Center van for seniors and people with disabilities 8:30 AM -3:30 PM weekdays, a weekly shopping van trip to market basket in Westford, and a monthly shopping trip to the Solomon Pond Mall, all for a fare of \$2.00 round trip.	Kris continues to work with the MWRTA to improve transportation options in Sudbury.
New Business			
Report on candidates forum	Postponed due to lack of time		
Cell Phone Tower	The Commission was invited by Jody Kablack, Sudbury Town Planner, to comment on a proposal by Verizon to locate a cell phone tower on Raymond Road. A copy of the proposal was sent to the Commission.	It is important to respond to the invitation, but upon review no accessibility issues were raised. The Commission thinks, based on anecdotal evidence, that people with disabilities are at no more risk from cell tower radiation than is the general population. The Commission VOTED unanimously to give the proposal to Peter, who will show it to an experienced colleague.	Peter will draft and submit a response from the Commission to the Town Planner by June 15.
Guests at meeting	Would the Commission like to invite a	The Commission wants to make sure the	

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	Selectman or Selectmen to a meeting, or Jeff Dugan?	agenda for such a meeting is planned so that the opportunity is maximized.	
Other: Meeting Process	The Commission would like to adopt a planned time limit for items for discussion so that each item on the agenda can get its fair share of attention.	The Commission has received a memo regarding new requirements for meetings from the state via the Open Meeting Law. The requirements address both the minutes and the agendas for meetings.	Susan will add a proposed discussion time limit for each item on the agenda. Susan will publish the meeting agendas at least 48 hours before the meetings (and not counting weekends and holidays) as required by the amendments to the Open Meeting Law. Kris will record all votes and their makeup in the minutes.
Adjourn		The Commission VOTED unanimously to adjourn at 9:00 PM.	
Next meeting	The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 29, 2010 at 7:00 in the Sudbury Senior Center. Further meetings will be: July 27, August 31, September 28, October 26, November 30 and December 28 2010 (last Tuesday of each month).		

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