

Sudbury Commission on Disability

Minutes of meeting, Tuesday, October 5, 2010; 7:00 PM, Sudbury Senior Center, 40 Fairbank Road, Sudbury, MA 01776

Present: Chair, Susan Stocker, Deborah Galloway, Dina Johnson, Peter Sargent

Absent: Lotte Diomedede, Jackie Kilroy

Guests: Anna Wood, Hannah Lawrence

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Minutes	The minutes of the Tuesday, September 1, 2010 meeting were approved.		
Guests	Guests Anna Wood, Therapeutic Recreation Therapist, and Hannah Lawrence from the Sudbury Patch, joined the meeting. Susan Stocker provided background on the Commission and a summary of key projects in progress and planned projects. Hannah will be publishing an online article on the Commission at Sudbury.patch.com		
Guest Contributions	Anna joined the meeting to provide an overview of her new position in town, as Teen Center Director, Therapeutic Recreation Specialist. Anna also summarized the role of recreation therapy, how it will benefit the town, key programs in place now, upcoming programs likely to be offered this Winter and her objectives. We discussed whether there were opportunities to work together and further each other's respective missions.	Anna asked the Commission the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To let her know if we become aware of any grants • To let her know of local restaurants that are accessible 	Commission members to email information to Anna regarding her questions.

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Old Business			
Publicity	<p>The Braille press release / article is complete and ready for distribution pending two things: 1) awaiting it to be run-by John Brackett for his comments (given that it references the collaboration with the school district throughout the release). 2) Since the document was drafted the Haynes school has been assessed, so a minor language tweak needs to be made to note that.</p> <p>Parking surge article to be updated and planned pre-holidays.</p>	Group confirmed decision that John Brackett needs to review the Braille press release / article before it is sent to the paper.	<p>Susan to call Lotte to connect on the project.</p> <p>Lotte to send a draft of the Braille article to Dr. Brackett and feed any comments back to Peter.</p> <p>Peter to make tweak to Braille article and parking surge article.</p>
Braille Project	<p>Jackie and Ben assessed The Haynes school since last meeting and a report was issued.</p> <p>Dina connected with a potential volunteer, Rae, who is sighted and a Braille reader, who is interested in helping us complete the project</p>	Dina will connect the volunteer with Lotte and Susan (via email) so they can arrange logistics for completing the two remaining schools (Loring and Nixon).	<p>Dina to email Lotte and Susan and cc: Rae, as an introduction.</p> <p>Lotte to reach out to Rae and orchestrate scheduling of Loring with the Loring principal and Rae; Lotte and Rae to conduct assessment.</p> <p>Susan to reach out to Rae and orchestrate scheduling of Nixon;</p>

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			Susan and Rae to conduct assessment.
Easter Seals Assistive Technology / Potential Speakers	<p>Peter spoke with Easter Seals who wants to talk to us about Assistive Technology; we discussed whether this made sense as a “one off” discussion vs. part of a “speaker series” vs. part of a larger “vendor fair” (specifically, a vendor fair is planned for the Spring so we could “add on” any appropriate vendors). Anna said she could promote things in her brochure. A few topics were discussed as potential speaker topics, and the perspectives were that it would be appropriate for us to sponsor speakers and a great way to educate the community, but it would be prudent to ensure there was interest / demand before spending time and energy.</p>		Further discussion required to determine who’s the audience, what topics would be of most interest, etc.
Community Braille Signage	<p>Deborah reported that Shaw’s signage is in place and placement appears to be accurate.</p> <p>It was also reported that Sudbury Farms has added Braille signage after we called to their attention that it was missing.</p> <p>Anna suggested a packet would be a great thing for us to create for restaurants and businesses to give them “tips” on</p>		Group to further discuss.

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	improving accessibility.		
New Business			
Parking surge	Parking surge initiative tentatively planned around Thanksgiving.		Susan to call police department to secure detail.
Potential issue	With Ben's departure we now have more people without disabilities than with, which is a technical breach of the regulations.		Deborah to review Kris's notes to see if there are any special dispensations that can be granted. Susan to discuss the situation with Maryanne Bilodeau.
Upcoming	The following is coming up: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nov. activity: parking surge & accompanying article. • Discussion on what we are looking to accomplish. • Discussion around additional guests and the accompanying agendas. 		
Adjourn		The Commission VOTED unanimously to adjourn at 9:00 PM.	
Next meeting	The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 26, 2010 at 7:00 in the Sudbury Senior Center. (All subsequent		

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	meetings are currently planned for the last Tuesday of each month).		