

## COD Minutes

11/21/13 9:06 pm

Attendees: Anna Wood, Lydia Hughes (first visit), Steve Parker, Pat Elgart, Peter Shaer, Amy Schapiro

### Approval of October 29, 2013 Minutes

Motion by Pat, Seconded by Peter Shaer

### New Business

- Pat now accepted by BOS to be on COD, Amy will soon be also
- We now have 6 members and are always welcoming more
- After some discussion, we moved the meeting time from 7-9 to 6-8 in hopes of being more accommodating.
- To increase participation for people unable to attend at night we have two options that will have to be presented to the BOS for a vote – 1) have 2 meetings per month, 1 for daytime, 1 for evening, and 2) asking to use skype or other forms of video or telephone conferencing as a reasonable accommodation

### COMMITTEE ROLES

1. Treasurer – Peter Sargent will be asked to fill this role, Anna has been filling in but will soon email Peter Sargent with printouts of COD budget in hopes he will take over. Only 1 expense – the \$2,500 in Scholarships to the Adaptive Sports & Rec Program, which has lasted almost 2 years, helping 15 families to participate
2. Secretary – Pat Elgart will take COD minutes, as well as
3. Media – write articles for The Patch and Town Crier regarding COD and the issues we are addressing to promote inclusion and participation for people with disabilities, as well as perhaps a monthly article highlighting a specific disability to raise awareness. This month it could be on MCS, for instance.
4. Sub-committees – Transportation & Public Policy
  - a. TRANSPORTATION – Amy Schapiro will be COD spokesperson for Transportation, with Steve Parker assisting.
    - i. They will attend monthly MWRTA meetings in Framingham to ask for increased hours for the MWRTA van as well as adding several key bus stops on Rte 20, ideally extending from Stop & Shop plaza in Wayland to Target in Marlborough, with potential future van transportation to train stops in Wellesley and Acton.
    - ii. Amy will send blurbs to Jeff Dougan of MOD regarding Transportation and Accessibility Issues

- iii. Amy and/or Steve will meet with Deb Galloway, Director of Council on Aging, to increase Transportation
  - b. PUBLIC POLICY – Amy Schapiro will promote and work to improve public policy by
    - i. Investigating the Commission By-Laws to see whether there is a one meeting per month limit for COD (don't believe so) and to find out what the steps are to present using computer technology to assist potential COD members' involvement in monthly meetings to the BOS for a vote
5. Town Liaison – Anna Wood will continue in this role

### Old Business

- a) Restaurant Project – making progress but there are still 17 more restaurants to hopefully include. Peter Shaer volunteered to be involved, particularly with restaurants that have said they do NOT want to be involved because he believes they can be swayed given incentives and reassurances we are not trying to increase accessibility but rather to give the public an idea of where to go should that be an issue
- b) News Articles
  - a. Parking Info – raising awareness about consequences of using HC parking spaces illegally during the holidays
  - b. New Van from MWRTS – filled up or not, we have a need for accessible transportation in Sudbury
  - c. SERT – **Sudbury Emergency Response Team** – Emergency Preparedness blurb informing the public about available town resources in the event of an Emergency

### Future

- Using COD resources to clean up van so that people with MCS can ride also
- Once the Restaurant Project is complete, consider doing one for Supermarkets and Pharmacies

Next Meeting: 12/19/14 at 6:00pm

Adjourn 8:42 PM