

Sudbury Commission of Disability (COD) Meeting Minutes

June 20, 2022

Virtual Meeting

Members Present

1. Kathleen Bell, Chair
2. Karyn Jones
3. Jane Kline
4. Randi Korn
5. Liesje Quinto (minutes)

Candidate Interview Meeting- Chair Kay Bell opened the meeting at 7:34PM.

Open Statement

1. Chair Bell performed a roll call and made an announcement that the session is being recorded, shared live for the public to see and hear on SudburyTV and there should be no expected right to privacy, as this is a public forum.

Significance of Juneteeth

Liesje Quinto – Acknowledges that the interviews are occurring on the day honoring Juneteenth noting that interviewees were given a choice of days. Most chose June 20th.

Kay Bell – Provides a brief history of Juneteenth. She also shared an account of an incident in Sudbury in August 1925, at which the Ku Klux Klan (KKK) had a meeting at which a violent riot broke out. Residents and visitors were injured and several people were arrested. The KKK had no noted dealings in Sudbury after that event.

Disclosing Disability – Kay reviews the procedure for disclosing if COD members or candidates have a disability. This information will be provided from the candidates directly to the town manager and it will remain confidential.

Interviews

Jean Nam - Wants to join the COD to make the lives of her friends and neighbors better. She has advocated for the past 5 years for children to have inclusive playgrounds she wants to work on more projects within the community. She worked with members of the community to accomplish the goals of getting the playgrounds built. She has also worked on the Community Preservation Committee

where she vetted projects. Jean's passion for helping people with disabilities started when a child in her son's class could not access the playground at school. She started a non profit that worked with the town government to get four school playgrounds built in Sudbury. Sat on the Finance Committee, Community Preservation Committee, The Book Nook. Jean has days and evenings available to do work with the COD.

Becky Chisholm – Wants to join the COD to help advocate for productive meaningful change within the community. Make sure that town buildings and recreational activities are accessible within the town. Her son has a disability. Was advocating in another town for disability justice and equal access. Worked as an occupational therapist. Becky is busy with two small children and moving to Sudbury but will be advocating with or without the COD.

Bob Haarde – Bob has lived in Sudbury for 20 years. He has served on other boards in our community and wants to work on expanding access to people with disabilities within the community. Worked with law enforcement and transportation. Bob served on the Community Emergency Response, Budget Task Force, Sudbury Select board, Energy and Sustainability Committee. He worked on the accessible playgrounds. He worked on adaptive programming for Parks and Recreation Committee. Bob has significant time to devote to being a member of the COD.

Cameron LaHaise – She is interested in volunteering for the COD due to personal and professional reasons. She has a child with a disability. She was the executive director for the Down Syndrome Association of Central Texas. Currently works at the Director of Harvard Business School Health Industry Alumni Association. Wants to make sure that Sudbury is inclusive. Referred to a Bike Camp that she was able to witness in Texas. It helped people with Down syndrome learn to ride within a week. Cameron has worked with several nonprofits. Cameron has a good amount of time to devote to the COD as she makes her own schedule for her job and works from home. She has a flexible schedule.

Lindsay Nielsen – She would like to bring a young adult perspective. She grew up in Sudbury and recently graduated from college. She feels educating everyone in the community whether people know a person with a disability or not. Graduated from University of Sanit Andrews in 2021. Currently works as a programmer and clinical researcher at MGH. Her area of expertise is addiction. Lindsay is interested in eliminating barriers for members in the community. She had several extracurricular activities related to sports in college. Has evenings and weekends to devote to the COD.

Approve meeting minutes

No meeting minutes to approve.

Future Meeting Dates

Final interview – Pat Brown June 29th 2022

July meeting – July 6th 2022 at 7:30PM

August meeting – August 18th 2022 at 7:30

Future Agenda Items

- June 29th meeting – will calculate the results. If there is a tie to submit the results as a tie.
- Chamber of Commerce
- Sewataro as it pertains to the transition plan
- Warrant Articles
- Yearly Goals
- Sudbury COD 30 year anniversary, possible renewal of commitment.

Meeting adjourned at

Karyn made a motion. Liesje seconded the motion.

Roll Call

Karyn – Aye

Randi – Aye

Jane – Aye

Liesje – Aye

Kay - Aye