

Commission on Disability Minutes

September 6 meeting 7:30 pm

Call to order:

Meeting called to order at 7:31pm

Announcements:

- Announcements made from Cameron Lahaise Commission on Disability chair
- Reading of Remote Meeting Protocols
- Summary of action items to review made by Carmen Lahaise

Members present: Cameron LaHaise, Bessie Struck, Karyn Jones, Cheryl Wallace

- Absent Liesje Quinto
- Vote to call meeting to order, motion seconded, roll call vote taken, vote unanimously approved.

Announcement made by Cameron Lahaise:

- Ask if there is any public comment

Public Comment Made:

- Announcement from Lisa Kouchakdjian regarding town meeting would love for Commission of Disability members to attend.
The event is a hybrid event occurring on October 12th includes a meet and greet, people can ask questions.
- Announcement made by Cameron LaHaise:

- Announcement of Bessie being voted to the transportation committee, Bessie will report back with updates.
- Announcement made by Cameron LaHaise regarding fall fest

Action item: Fall Festival

- Discussion regarding favors for the fall festival

Follow up Action items:

- Cheryl Wallace to research fall festival favors.

Vote:

- Motion made to approve Cheryl Wallace to find favors to be reimbursed by the COD up to 75 dollars, motion seconded, role call vote taken, vote unanimously approved.

Review of August minutes with Karyn Jones

Edits reviewed and to be fixed.

- Motion made to approve minutes, vote seconded, vote approved unanimously by all.

Massachusetts architecture access board

- Announcement from Lisa Kouchakdjian regarding town meeting would love for Commission of Disability members to attend. This is a hybrid event meaning there is an in person and zoom option for attendance on October 12th. Event includes a meet and greet, and people can ask questions.

Announcement made by Cameron LaHaise:

- Cameron made the announcement of Bessie Struck being voted to the transportation committee.
- Cameron made an announcement that the August meeting minutes would be made that Karyn wrote.

Action Item: Review of August Meeting Minutes:

- Review of August meeting minutes with Karyn

Action item:

- Edits to be made on minutes as needed
- Edits included spelling of Liesje's name fixed in meeting minutes.

Vote:

- Motion made for minutes to be approved after edits are fixed, vote seconded, roll call vote taken, vote approved unanimously.

Action Item:

Sandra Durran combined facilities director gave presentation:

- Presentation included asking for letters of support from Commission on Disability regarding application for funds for ADA town improvements due September 15th
- Grant proposal to be submitted will be the same grant proposal as last time
- Proposal includes accessible benches and walkways, assisted listening devices and the installation and upkeep of accessible high/low water fountains.
- All items included in the proposal for the grant noted in ADA self-assessment and "transition plan" for town.

Items discussed:

- MOD Grant Information for input into online form included:
- Amount Requested for project, grant scope, cost Estimate of project, project timeline,,the project staffing and maintenance plan of accessibility improvements, additional funding sources needed to complete projects, as well as the proposed usage of the project which include any proposed user fees if any for project
- Funding for grant capped at \$250,000
- Funding can be utilized to make items more handicapped accessible
- Sandra noted that town has been supportive of projects, so the money would help complete existing projects
- Grant proposal would be complementary to money already set aside for projects
- High/low water fountain project presented, Assisted Listening Devices noted, accessible pathways projects noted
- Number of people with disabilities these projects would impact positively noted in presentation.

Vote:

- Motion made to support the editing from Karyn and Cameron of past years letters of support for grant money and writing letters of support for Sandra for the 15th. role call vote taken, vote unanimously passed.
- Vote: Motion made to approve writing a letter of support from Commission On Disability to support grant proposal, vote seconded, role call vote taken, vote passes unanimously

Follow up action items:

- Cameron to edit letters of support with Karyn Jones
- Motion made to approve Cameron and Karyn editing minutes, vote seconded, vote approved unanimously.

Action Item:

Lisa Drennan, of Merge Consulting Presentation:

- When inclusion is discussed, looking for organizational commitment
- The idea of “belonging” discussed in regard to inclusion, which includes perhaps even making a friend.
- Inclusion involves meaningful participation, including being available for all participants universal design.
- Lisa Drennan’s inclusion training offers, consultation, as well as building inclusive programs instead of separate programs, which requires for an agency to move to an organizational commitment of inclusion.
- Lisa’s trainings are available for agencies which include recreational agencies, community organizations, etc, and are noted on her website.
- Lisa’s trainings are for teaching general community about inclusion, and she notes that everyone, not just “the choir” gets involved.

Follow up action items:

- See who are allies to inclusion presentation idea for Sudbury as well as to possibility cosponsor event.

- Discussion held of the possibility of training held with catered meal at inclusion presentation.
- Discussion of held of ways to promote lisa Drennans idea, as well as the possibility of inclusion presentation being involved as an onboarding requirement.
- Discussion of posed of the possibility of catering of event to gain interest and attention to event attention.
- Follow up action items:

Members of Commission on disability to reach out to anyone they feel is interested in inclusion presentation, bring ideas of possible community members who are interested back to next meeting.

Action Item: Accessible trick or treat presentation by Karyn Jones

- Karyn Jones has been checking in with neighborhood regarding accessible trick or treat
- The accessible Halloween project has been seeking corporate sponsorship to assist with cost of event.
- Discussion held regarding sign for event.

Vote:

- Motion posed to vote on whether it would be agreed upon to utilize the Commission on Disability title instead of seal for readability, motion seconded, roll call vote taken, unanimously approved.

Announcement made:

- Discussion on who from COD would be able to attend event on October 12th
- Cameron volunteered, as well as possibly Cheryl Wallace

Future Agenda Items:

- Reaching out regarding the trick or treat
- Reaching out to gauge interest of the community regarding Lisa Drennan and Merge
- Finance Discussion
- Confirmation of Next meeting: October 4th at 7:30 pm

Motion made to adjourn the meeting, motion seconded, role call vote taken, vote for meeting adjournment unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 9:43 pm