

Sudbury Commission on Disability (COD) Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2024 Virtual Meeting

Members Present

Cameron Lahaise (Chair), Liesje Quinto (Vice Chair), Elizabeth Struck, and Cheryl Wallace

Cameron Lahaise called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM, reviewed the protocols under which remote meetings are conducted, delegated minute taking to Cheryl Wallace, and took a roll call.

Agenda Items

Cameron Lahaise asked for public comment. There was a response by Kay Bell. She updated the COD about a project by the Sudbury League of Women Voters, The Disability Law Center and RevUp who have partnered to check for ADA voting accessibility statewide.

Agenda items

1 - A statement was read from Sandra Duran by Cameron LaHaise. A grant was received from the Massachusetts Office on Disability of up to \$250,000 to remove barriers and improve access by improving the public address systems and assisted listening systems in municipal buildings and schools. Along with the current AV town systems upgraded to allow hybrid meetings, additional listening systems would be added to Town Hall, Silver Room, the Police community room, the DPW conference room, and the Park & Recreation Dept. Polystudio carts at the Fairbanks Center. Both the elementary and middle schools IT departments will be contacted, and the state's AV contractors will prepare proposals to update new speakers, amplifiers, projectors, wireless handheld, and lapel mics. Also FM assisted listening systems with headphones and neck loops. We have hopes the

funds will go to additional Redcat assisted listening systems in the classrooms. The grant comes with start date of February 2nd, 2024 and a deadline of June 30th, 2024.

2 - A transportation update was provided by Cheryl Wallace who noted the most recent meeting of the Sudbury Transportation Committee had been canceled and rescheduled to the following Friday.

3- Liesje mentioned the Housing Production planning committee had an upcoming meeting.

4 - Meeting minutes were will be forthcoming by Liesie, Karyn and Cameron.

5 - Springfest, and the proposal of a table by the COD was discussed. Fallfest items that had been ordered would be used in its place. Springfest will be June 22nd from 12-5. Family Pride Day will be June 9th from 1-4 and discussion of a table fee and volunteers would be discussed at the next meeting. Cameron LaHaise motioned to approve the table fee for Family Pride Day. Liesje seconded and the vote was taken and the motion was passed unanimously.

6 - We discussed the Lisa Drennan Disability Inclusion event booked for April 10th, 2024. All of the intended contact points were confirmed. Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, The Chamber of Commerce, TEPAC, Avalon, Emerson Hospital, and a flyer was posted in Town Hall. Addition organizations to contact were brought up and put on a list. Northeast Behavioral Health was added. Whole Foods and Sudbury Farms were discussed as potential food and drink donations and allergen awareness was discussed. *A meeting for March 25th was planned but later canceled due to a conflict with voting day.

7 - Future agenda items were the Lisa Drennan event logistics discussion, tables for the said event and the Accessible Trick or Treat. Potentially having wheelchair paths provided by Parks & Recreation for Springfest. Renewing member terms were also noted to be discussed at the next meeting.

8 - Cameron LaHaise motioned to adjourn the meeting. Liesie seconded

and the motion passed unanimously.