

Sudbury Commission on Disability Meeting Minutes

September 4, 2024

Open Meeting

Cameron LaHaise, Chair, called the virtual meeting to order with roll call at 7:30pm.
Members present : Cheryl Wallace, Karyn Jones, Liesje Quinto, Cameron LaHaise
Cameron read remote meeting protocols. Cameron was assigned to take meeting minutes.
Cameron gave the opportunity for public comment.

Updates/Action Items/Discussion

Vote to approve any outstanding meeting minutes Cam (November 2023, June 2024, September 2024) Cheryl: Up to Date, Karyn: Up to Date, Liesje: Will review

Update from Cheryl on the Transportation Committee. In addition to the regular shuttle, added hospital shuttle, which began Aug 1. Goes to most major Boston hospitals. Catch Connect is currently over the goal that the MBTA had hoped for.

Lisa Kouchakdjian joined the call. Potential upcoming LS SEPAC and COD event on reducing stigma. This event would be virtual. Consider having a self advocate or lived experience representative. Timeframe: Late Fall, Early Winter. Can take time and discuss. breaking down barriers.

Cam made a motion that the COD would like to partner with the LS SEPAC on an upcoming event (likely Q1 2024) on stigma as it relates to the disability community. Karyn seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Cam shared a Facilities Director Update (on behalf of Sandra Duran)

- Fairbank Community Center – AV project’s goal is to be complete and operational by the end of September.
- Received a MOD Grant in February 2024 to install Public Address and Assisted Listening Systems in our municipal buildings including the schools. Applied this entire grant to the Schools providing new Public Address systems and full assisted listening systems in all assembly areas of all schools. This \$250,000 State Grant was used in its entirety and the Town has submitted and received reimbursement for these expenses.
- The Facilities Department applied for MOD funds for Hi-Low Fountains for the Town and School Buildings as well as for additional funds for accessible pathways to fields and seating areas.

- The Facilities Department in collaboration with the Park and Recreation Commission and Department have applied for a CPC grant to begin a design process with early action items for the Fairbank Community Center Outdoor Space and Haskell Field. This planning effort will embrace universal and sustainable design as a core design principle.
- Initial discussions have begun with a Landscape Architect regarding an ADA circuit path with accessible parking at Haskell Field.
- The All Gender Locker Room at Fairbank Community Center has recently received door operators for the door leading into the locker room from the corridor and the door leading into the pool from the locker room. These also operate for the person who wants to re-enter the all gender accessible locker room.
- Additional Accessible sinks are planned for Nixon School. Target timeline for completion is end of September 2024.
- The ADA Transition Plan is being updated and will be on the website soon.

Accessible Trick or Treat 2024 (All)

Karyn shared the google document with assignments and updates.

Discussed assignments.

Cam to complete Press Release for review at October Mtg.

Cheryl wants to make sure the COD contacts the Town Manager to review the applications we have for the COD and follow up with interviews of candidates as necessary. Noted that the COD is one person below state minimum.

Action item: Cam to contact Town Manager regarding next steps before October 2024

Meeting

Set next meeting day for October 3, 2024.

Adjourn 8:30pm

Minutes submitted by Cameron LaHaise