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Minutes 02-17-2010

MEETING MINUTES

February 17, 2010

Members Present: John Bean, Barbara Cutler, Janice Dallas, Kerrie Fallon,
Susan James, Maureen St. Hilaire

Members Absent: Lin Baker, Barbara Jones

Other: Jane Howard, Vision 2020 Standing Committee
Heidi Hample, Disability Advocate

Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2010

A motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2010 was made by Susan James and seconded by Barbara Cutler.

Career Fair

Jane Howard said that sixteen employers have agreed to participate in the Career Fair. Jane said that a Boy Scout Troop has agreed to assist in making sign stands. Jane said that Caryn Malloy, Personnel Director Town of Arlington, has agreed to participate again this year in the Career Fair. Jack Jones said that he talked to Carol Kowalski, Town Planner, about parking permits for employers that participate in the Career fair. Carol has said that she will discuss this issue with Brian Sullivan, Town Manager.

Accessible Portable Restrooms

Jack Jones said that Joe Connelly informed himself that though recreation requested CDBG funding to help with the extra cost of accessible portable restrooms, those funds if approved will not be available until July 1st. Jack said that Joe has proposed for this spring to install seven total units. These units would be at Hurd, McClennen, Hills Hill, Crosby, Florence, Robbins and Thorndike. Out of these seven units three would be accessible units at the three major venues, these being Robbins, Thorndike, and McClennen. Joe is hopeful that CDBG funds will be available after July 1, 2010 to cover the extra cost, which would allow recreation to install all accessible units. Barbara Cutler said that if funding were available to install accessible units after July 1, 2010 she would recommend that the Commission consider allowing non-accessible units be installed prior to July 1, 2010.

Bus Shelters

Jack said that the Town is considering bus shelters, but before making a final decision the Selectmen were asking for input from the Disability Commission and other groups. Jack said that the MBTA would install bus shelters at locations that have more than 100 boarders per day. The bus shelters would be installed and maintained at no cost to the Town if the Town agrees to allow advertising on the shelter. In addition the Town would receive approximately \$1,000 per year per shelter. The concern for the Commission is if the shelters would be accessible. The Commission Members said that more information would be needed before the Commission decided to support or not support the bus shelters. Jack said that he would talk to Laura Wiener to obtain more information.

Regional Commission Forum

Jack said that Barbara Cutler sent a letter with an attached survey sheet to all local Disability Commissions. The survey sheet was to find out what topics of interest other Commissions would like to discuss at the forum. The forum would be held on a Thursday in May.

ARC and the Developmental Disabilities Council Annual Reception

Barbara Cutler said that this year's legislative reception would be held on March 3rd on the Grand Staircase at the State House. The Arlington Commission on Disability along with a broad range of grass-roots organizations and professional associations will be listed as co-sponsors. Barbara said that the legislative reception recognizes outstanding legislatures and is an occasion for hearing personal testimonies and learning about key bills and budget items affecting individuals with disabilities and their families.

CDBG Funding for Curb Cut Ramp Work

Jack Jones said that the Disability Commission has requested \$150,000 for curb cut ramp work. Jack said that preliminary amount approved by the Town Manager & Board of Selectmen is \$75,000.

Other

John Bean said that on February 17, 2010 he was sworn in as a Commissioner.

Heidi Hample said that she would like to become a Commissioner, and will send a letter to the Town Manager requesting his consideration to appoint herself.

Maureen St. Hilaire talked about the Commission developing a project book.

Barbara Cutler said that the Commission should update the Transition Plan that was developed in 1993.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 P.M.