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Minutes 04/18/2007

MEETING MINUTES APRIL 18, 2007

Members Present: Barbara Cutler, Barbara Jones, Lin Baker

Members Absent: Kerrie Fallon, Susan James, Louis Krodel, Kevin O'Brien, Maureen St. Hilaire

Others Present: Jack Jones, ADA Coordinator
Joey Glushko, Planner Arlington Planning Department

Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2007:

The Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2007 were reviewed but because a quorum was not present these minutes were not voted upon.

Audible Pedestrian Signals:

Barbara Jones presented some of her research she had completed on audible pedestrian signals. Barbara Jones discussed the Maryland Court Case regarding audible pedestrian signals.

Town Meeting 2007:

Jack Jones said that Town Meeting would begin on Monday April 23, 2007. Barbara Cutler said that she would write the Disability Commission's Annual Report for Town Meeting. The Annual Report will be presented at Town Meeting on April 25, 2007. Also copies of this report will be placed on the seats of all Town Meeting Members.

Other New/Old Business:

Jack Jones said that he has talked to Tom Boudreau's wife regarding scheduling a dedication for the memorial bench at the Dallin School in memory of Tom Boudreau. Diane Boudreau said that the family was interested in attending the dedication and that she would determine an appropriate date that would allow for most of her family to attend.

Kerrie Fallon composed letters to be sent to two Commission Members that have not regularly attended Commission Meetings requesting either their attendance or their consideration in resigning from the Commission. Jack Jones said that he would send the letters and keep the Commission informed as to their decision about remaining on the Commission.

The Commission agreed that a member of the Town's Transportation Advisory Committee should be invited to a Commission Meeting in order to discuss the planned Massachusetts Avenue Project in East Arlington. Barbara Cutler said that the Commission should have improved communication with the Diversity Committee on disability issues.

Jack Jones distributed a copy of the Governor's Executive Order # 478 on affirmative action. Jack Jones said that this executive order includes people with disabilities. People with disabilities have not been included in previous executive orders on Affirmative Action.

Jack Jones said that he would work with Joey Glushko on the Town's Open Space Plan that pertains to accessibility issues.

Legislative Update:

Barbara Cutler said that Jim Marzelli, State Representative, has included an extra 32 million for personnel care attendants in the State Budget.

Barbara Cutler said that Teresa Barney, a lawyer with a reputation of working on disability issues has scheduled two workshops on planning trusts and other legal alternatives that will be held in Fitchburg in May and Plymouth in June. These workshops are for people interested in setting up trusts or legal guardianships.

Barbara Cutler said that during the week of April 22nd there would be a workshop to assist guardians on the transition of disabled youth age 14 to 22 into adulthood.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 P.M.