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Disability Commission Minutes 03/17/04

ARLINGTON COMMISSION ON DISABILITY
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 17, 2004

Members Present: Barbara Jones, Barbara Cutler, Lin Baker, Kevin O' Brien,
Joe Giurleo,

Members Absent: Louis Krodel, Tom Boudreau

Staff Present: Jack Jones

Also Present: Paolo Marinelli, Ron Santosusso

Legislative Update:

Barbara C. said that the 25th Annual Legislative Reception sponsored by the Massachusetts Developmental Disabilities Council and Arc Massachusetts will be held during March at the State House.

Barbara C. recommended that the Arlington Commission on Disability be listed as one of the sponsors of this event. SO VOTED

CDBG Request:

Jack said that the Disability Commission requested \$75,000 in CDBG funds for curb cut work. If approved these funds would be available after July 1, 2004. Jack said that any new funds would be added to approximately \$26,000 that remains in the CDBG account from last year for curb cut work.

Ron Santosusso, Town Engineer, said the contractor working on curb cuts in the Town last year was unable to spare a second crew to due additional curb cut work. Therefore Barbara requested that Ron Santosusso should consider this year issuing a single contract for this work.

Kevin said that he would work with Ron to begin this process during the month of May. Kevin said that the Summer St. Reconstruction Project would begin this summer. This project will include three miles of newly constructed sidewalks with properly constructed curb cuts along Summer Street.

Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2004:

Paolo requested that the meeting minutes be amended to clarify that he does not necessarily agree with the Town's reasons for not removing snow from the Minuteman Trail. With this amendment Barbara J. made a motion to accept the minutes seconded by Joe. SO VOTED

E911:

Jack said that approximately 800 residents whose name appears on the E911 list have been contacted to verify the current accuracy of this list. Jack said that he would provide this verified list to members at the April Meeting.

Dallin School:

Jack said that Stefan Chaires, architect with Drummey Rosane Anderson Inc., has provided the Disability Commission with plans for the proposed reconstruction of the Dallin School. Barbara C. and Jack agreed that the Commission is not qualified to review these plans. Lin said that she would show these plans to her husband an experienced construction project manager for his opinion.

Goals for FY 2005:

Jack said that the Commission should continue to monitor the process of installing curb cuts along Massachusetts Avenue.

Paolo suggested training and educating members of the Police Department. Paolo also suggested that the Commission remain active with regard to snow removal procedures with the Town. Paolo also said that the Commission should consider review of any sidewalk work that may occur in East Arlington or Arlington Center.

Barbara C. said that members should consider additional goals to be discussed at the April Meeting.

Other Business:

Barbara C. requested Paolo if still interested in serving on the Commission to submit a letter with attached resume to herself with a copy to Jack that will be forwarded to Patsy Kramer.

Jack said that he would invite Kevin Strange, Town Web Master to the April Meeting.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 P.M.