

MEETING MINUTES

August 17, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kerrie Fallon, Maureen St. Hilaire, Janice Dallas, Michael radamacher, Susan James

MEMBERS ABSENT: Heidi Hample.

Others present: Kelly Hunt, Director of real estate for HCA, Jack Jones ADA Coordinator.

Kelly Hunt discussed the Capital Square rental properties for low and moderate income families HCA recently purchased. She talked about the renovations being made including the accessibility of the buildings. The letter Kelly wrote to the AAAB was read by Kerrie Fallon and will be revised by Kelly. Once revised the Commission will support the variances.

Jack Jones discussed a complaint filed with the FWHA.

Jack Jones said the bids are out for the curb cuts and due back by August 25th and that work should begin in September and resume in the spring. Jack also talked about sidewalk work in need of repair. Mike Radamacher said to report it to the dispatcher and if it is only a panel that needs repair this can be done with money DPW uses for upgrades. Michael said they will fit it into the queue for sidewalk repair and that it is a long queue. Longer portions of sidewalk require more funds and are considered Capital expenditures.

Jack Jones said another woman fell on the bricks outside 27 Maple Street. Barbara Jones asked if the meeting had taken place with Carol Kowalski and the Redevelopment Board to discuss replacing the bricks. Jack said she was going to try to seek funding in the future. Kerrie Fallon said she will send an Email to Carol Kowalski and also invite her to another meeting.

Heidi Hample suggested inviting someone from the Historic Commission to one of our meetings. Kerrie Fallon suggested we discuss what we will talk about, do some research on bricks and discussing how we can work together. Kerrie Fallon will also contact John Jope regarding the bricks.

Michael Radamacher talked about the streetscape of Mass. Ave. Corridor Project. The space between the sidewalk and street will be different materials, some grass and in other

areas a decorative edge. The options presented were a pavers, colored concrete, colored asphalt and bricks. The commissioners discussed the options and the concerns regarding brick. Barbara Jones asked Michael Radmacher if he could research what the substructure of the brick was in Arlington Heights. Michael also was going to contact the landscape architect to find places where some of the options above were located.

Kerrie Fallon discussed the lack of a curb cut ramp at Robbins Farm. Kerrie will meet with the Friends of Robbins Farm on Tuesday to explore ideas. Michael Radmacher suggested a temporary fix during events to make the area around the school available for accessible parking.

Barbara Cutler asked Michael Radmacher to look at a handicapped parking spot on Mountain Avenue.

The Town Day articles for the newsletter were discussed by Barbara Cutler. Heidi Hample will contact CCI or Guide Dog Foundation to see if she can get someone to attend with a puppy in training.

Jack Jones mentioned a woman who is interested in the Commission but has been unable to attend. He will call her and follow up.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.