



Arlington Disability Commission Minutes

Date: Wednesday, June 16, 2021

Time: 4:00 pm

Location: Conducted by Remote Participation

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Attendees: Commissioners Cynthia DeAngelis, Kerrie Fallon, Karen Mathiasen, Liza Molina, Paul Parravano, Michael Rademacher (Public Works Director), Paul Raia

Guests: Christina Coleman (DEI Administrative Assistant), Grace Carpenter (volunteer), Janice Cagan-Teuber (resident), Ellen Leigh (volunteer, advocate)

Absent:

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 4:05pm by Rademacher

1. Call to Order, Read Ground Rules, Welcome (Mike R, 5 min)

2. Approve May Meeting Minutes(Mike R, 5 min)
 - a. Tabled to next meeting
3. Recognition of Service – Maureen (Cynthia, 5 min)
 - a. Tabled
4. Open Space & Recreation Plan (Krista Moravec, 20 min)
 - a. Contracted with town to help them update their open space recreation plan
 - b. Recreation plan focuses on the Town’s environmental resources, recreational resources, and community needs
 - c. The resources are important because they provide many benefits: clean air, water, social benefits such as places where the community can gather, and places that give us mental and physical health benefits
 - d. Moravec is seeking feedback and new potential ideas that community groups would like to see in the Town
 - e. Carpenter recommends adaptive programming for sports
 - f. Raia commends the work done on Spy pond specifically the walkway area and playground: wonders if it could be expanded
 - g. Rademacher proposed that the Commission invites Moravec back to their next meeting to give specific recommendations
5. Budget Update & Discussion (Jill, 20 min)
 - a. Discussion about improvements to Health and Human Services Conference Room
 - b. Cost is \$9,813
 - c. Rademacher motions to approve to cover the improvements to the HHS Conference Room, Raia seconds, all in favor. Motion passed
 - d. Rademacher motions to allocate the remainder of our funds towards the renovation of the Select Board Meeting Room, Raia seconds, all in favor.
6. Discussion on Chair & Vice-Chair Position (Mike R, 20 min)
 - a. Devney has resigned from her commissioner position. Need to elect a Chair & Vice-Chair.
 - b. Commission will have a rolling chair and co-chair for the next few months, and will revisit the discussion within the next few months.
7. Automatic Traffic Signals (Ellen L, 20 min)
 - a. Tabled
8. Retreat Follow-up from Children & Education Team (Cynthia, 10 min)
 - a. DeAngelis states that it is challenging to speak with educators in June due to school wrapping up
 - b. DeAngelis had conversations with parents whose children with special needs were recommended to attend the Stratton school. Parents raised concerns about the school not being fenced in.
 - c. Raia asked Cynthia to collect statistics on children with disabilities enrolled in Arlington Public Schools and how many of them go on to post-secondary education.
 - d. DeAngelis will be on the agenda next month to discuss transition planning/post-secondary opportunities for students with disabilities.

9. DEI Updates (Jill, 5 min)
 - a. Juneteenth celebration at Town Hall Plaza on Saturday at 9:30 AM
 - b. Community Conversations for the month of June is being rescheduled
 - c. Fair Housing Community Conversations upcoming on July 13th
 - d. Rainbow Commission had several pride events last week that went really well
 - e. Parravano motioned that the commission suspends the August meeting, Raia seconded, all in favor.
10. Priorities for next meeting's agenda (Mike R, 5 min)
 - a. Suggestions for Open-space Recreation Plan
 - b. Recognition of Service Darcy Devney & Maureen St. Hilaire
11. Public Comment period (5 min)
 - a. None

Raia motioned to adjourn meeting, Fallon seconded, all in favor: Meeting adjourned at 6:08pm.