

DRAFT - Minutes – June 25, 2024
Arlington Disability Commission

Quorum reached – Meeting Called to order at 6:02 PM

Attendance (Commissioners present):

Kari Sasportas (KS)– Chair
Janice Cagan-Teuber (JCT) - Secretary
Kerrie Fallon (KF)
Grace Carpenter (GC)
Michael Rademacher (MR) (DPW Rep)

Staff Present:

ADA Coordinator: Tim Ross (TR) tross@town.arlington.ma.us

Members of the Public:

Rebecca Gruber

Proposed Agenda:

1. Call to Order, Read Ground Rules, Welcome
2. Ground rules
 - a. [Please don't use Zoom chat/messaging during the meeting, unless that is your primary way to participate in a meeting]
 - b. Do not interrupt a person who is talking. Please raise your hand (or virtual hand) to be recognized by the Chair and called on to speak.
 - c. If you are not a Commissioner, please state and spell your full name for the record when you are called on to speak.
3. Approve Draft Meeting Minutes (5 min)
4. Consent Agenda (5 min)
5. Grant Update (10 min)
6. Town Day Booth vote (10 min)
7. Summer break – do commissioners want to cancel the July or August meeting? (5 min)
- 8 July – ADA Anniversary (30 min)
9. Working Group reports (20 min)
- 10 ADA Transition Plan Update (5 min)
11. Subcommittee reports (10 min)
 - a. DEI
 - b. DPW
 - c. CODA
12. Guest Introductions
13. Next meeting Wednesday June 17, 2024 at 6PM
14. Closing

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Minutes Approval -

Draft May Meeting Minutes

- Moved as amended/MR, Seconded/KS
- Voted by roll call – Passed

Consent Agenda: June, 2024

- **Correspondence received at disabilitycomm@town.arlington.ma.us**
 1. Don Seltzer, informational email (5/16/24) on status of 1500 Mass Ave.
 2. MOD, informational email (5/16/24) Global Accessibility Day
 3. Grace Carpenter, multiple emails, smart cycle locks, date of June meeting, status of elevators (5/17/24, 5/21/24, 5/30/24, 6/17/24, 6/24/24)
 4. DPC, multiple informational emails (5/17/24, 5/24/24, 6/03/24, 6/07/24, 6/18/24, 6/24/24)
 5. Kristin Pennarun, Arlington ZBA, Town Engineer, Inspectional Services: multiple emails cc'd to Disability Commission, re: Artemis Residential Development high curb accessibility; above average curb height due to structural elements of bridge, accessible ramps being relocated and guards will be installed at highest point of sidewalk per Inspectional Services (5/21/24, 5/28/24, 6/04/24,6/10/24)
 6. Arlington Council on Aging asking for date of June meeting (6/20/24)
 7. Marlena Montanez Pena, concern about lack of curb cut and wheelchair access at intersection of Mass Ave/Water St. (6/25/24)
- Discussion re: Consent Agenda followed
 - Moved to approve – Moved/Seconded by JCT/MR
 - Roll Call vote - passed

Grant Update

- Pavement has been laid
- Shed should arrive later this week or next
- Bolts have been ordered
- TR will take photos
- Joe Connelly, Director of Parks and Recreation, is leaving his position
- Discussion re: accessible parks followed

Town Day Booth

- Health and Human Services (HHS) is beginning to reserve booths
- Do we want a booth?
 - Important for Commission to have a presence
 - Does the Brochure need updating?
 - KF/KS moved & seconded Commission will have a presence on Town Day

Summer Break

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- MR/KF moved and seconded that we use the July Meeting to plan for Town Day and future meetings

Working Group Updates

- **ADA Transition & questions**
 - Directories to offices and other signage will be set up
 - Braille and Way-finding devices (screens at the entrances with maps and information where other offices are located)
 - Announcements of town events will also be noted
 - Question regarding the Library Doors
 - Automatic door switch is on the wrong side of the post, for wheelchair users and those using the ramp
 - Library ramp is not compliant, so it needs a redesign for the long term
 - Short term plans
 - Long term plans

- **Sub-Committee**
 - DEI
 - Pride event Saturday, June 29, 2024
 - Black Revolutionary events held at the Whitmore
 - Town Lawyers are to attend all commission meetings for Open Meeting Law trainings
 - CODA
 - No one was able to attend from Disability Commission
 - DPW
 - Town Engineer(s) will be leaving for another job

Discussion

- Farmers' Market?
 - Will we get a date?
 - Check with Jill Harvey and Teresa Marzilli
 - Brochure?
 - Other things for people with Disabilities
- Last July, the Library had an ADA display
 - Ask if they will do anything for the ADA Anniversary, this year
- Budget?
 - TR will send everyone a spreadsheet

Announcements

- Next meeting is July 17 at 6:00pm

Adjournment

- Moved and seconded by MR and KS
- Meeting adjourned at 6:51pm

Respectfully submitted, Janice L. Cagan-Teuber, Secretary