

DRAFT - Minutes – July 17, 2024
Arlington Disability Commission

Quorum reached – Meeting Called to order at 6:10pm

Attendance (members present):

Janice Cagan-Teuber (JCT) - Secretary
Kerrie Fallon (KF)
Grace Carpenter (GC)

Members absent:

Kari Sasportas (KS)– Chair
Michael Rademacher (MR) (DPW Rep)

Staff Present:

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

Volunteer:

Ellen Leigh
Rebecca Gruber

Visitor:

David Pearson
Kathryn Davis
Blyth Eldred – Nature Frame Works

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 and (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 July Meeting Minutes (5 min)
4. Consent Agenda (5 min)
5. Nature Futures Framework (10 min)
6. Grant Update (10 min)
7. Town Day
8. ADA Transition Plan Update (10 min)
9. Subcommittee reports (10 min)
 - a. DEI
 - b. DPW
 - c. CODA
 - d. Hybrid Town Meeting Study Committee
12. Guest Introductions
13. Next meeting Wednesday September 18, 2024 at 6PM
14. Closing

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- **Ground Rules read**
 - GC moved, JCT seconded acceptance of Ground Rules
 - All approved – passed

Minutes Approval -

Draft May Meeting Minutes

- Moved by GC, Seconded by KF
- Voted by role call – Passed

Consent Agenda: June, 2024

- **Correspondence received at disabilitycomm@town.arlington.ma.us**
 - Grace Carpenter, Kari Sasportas (7/14/24) emails forward and response to question from Arlington Community Education (ACE) re: accessibility statement
 - Don Seltzer, email (7/11/24) re status of 1500 Mass Ave
 - Kristina Ziniti, ADA Coordinator in Braintree, email asking local ADA Coordinators if they have a web page where notices are posted (7/8/24)
 - Disability Policy Consortium, 2 emails; CODA notes via email (7/3/24), weekly newsletter (7/1/24)
 - Peteri Szerlagi, forwarded google link via email to a website listing AFT calls and response times for May 2024 with statement “the elderly and the disabled are bearing the brunt of this.” With subject line “FW: the disability cmsn needs to be all over this”
- **Discussion re: Consent Agenda followed**
 - Re: 1500 Mass Ave - Request reduce mixed use to put accessible unit on 1st floor. Developer wants to address Redevelopment Board Sept 9. Maybe we could inform the board that the Disability Commission is advocating for an accessible unit.
 - Someone from the Disability Commission should attend the next ARB meeting. Tim may attend. Disability Commission member should be more than a “guest”. Tim will reach out to the ARB
 - Moved by JCT seconded by KF Disability Commission send a Representative to the ARB September meeting to discuss accessibility issues with 1500 Mass Ave.
 - Moved to approve – Moved/Seconded by Janice Cagan-Teuber/Mike Rademacher
 - Role Call vote - passed

Nature Futures Framework – Blythe Elder & Ellen Leith (with Tufts University)

- Want residents 18+ to answer survey regarding Nature Pilot Project to find out what people want to see in Arlington, regarding what values they see for the future
- They want to work with
 - Reuters
 - Younger Adults

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- People with Disabilities
- Key steps
 - Data collection
 - Survey
 - Focus groups (more in-depth than survey)
 - Website
 - QR code
 - Workshops
 - Develop models
- Why Arlington?
 - David Morgan is interested
 - Arlington could be a Pilot Organization
 - Global organization (TBU/PBES) UN organization has developed a framework
- Re survey
 - Please share with any residents
 - Does anyone (in the Commission) want to set up a focus group
 - Host a workshop
- Please contact Kathryn.davis@tufts.edu
- <https://sites.google.com/tufts.edu/arlington-nature-futures-home>

Grant Update

- Still awaiting bikes and locks
 - Staffing – currently low in staff

Town Day

- Working group
- Accessible bikes
- Toys for kids
- Update brochures
- Sign-up sheets
- JCT will be there

Working Group Updates

- **ADA Transition & questions**
 - Kiosk – Christine will work on it
 - Nothing is ordered, yet
 - Accessibility for Blind and visually impaired also considered
- **Sub-Committee**
 - DEI
 - Staffing lack
 - CODA
 - No one was able to attend from Disability Commission

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Budget

- Will be added as an agenda item for each meeting

Discussion

- Any applications for Commissioners?
- Outreach strategies may be adjusted
- Group of parents with children in schools (Tim will check with them)
- Wayfinding at Town Hall – part of the transition plan
- Re study committee for Town Meeting held in a hybrid manner
 - Issue seems to be acoustics
 - Topic has been mentioned to Jim Feeney, Town Manager
- Farmers' Market
 - Jill will be back tomorrow
 - Tim will ask

Announcements

- Next meeting is September 18 at 6:00pm

Adjournment

- Moved and seconded by GC/Kerrie
- Meeting adjourned at 7:18pm

Respectfully submitted, Janice L. Cagan-Teuber, Secretary