

DRAFT - Minutes – September 18, 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)
Michael Rademacher (MR) (DPW Rep)

Members absent:

Kari Sasportas (KS)– Chair

Staff Present:

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

Volunteer:

Visitor:

Laura Gerson

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 September Draft Meeting Minutes (10 min)
4. Questions for Legal Dept (10 min)
5. Grant Update (10 min)
6. Town Day (20 min)
7. ADA Transition Plan Update (10 min)
8. Subcommittee reports (10 min)
 - a. DEI
 - b. DPW
 - c. CODA
9. Guest Introductions & Public Comment (10 min)
10. Next meeting Wednesday October 16, 2024 at 6PM
11. Closing

Meeting called to order at 6:02pm:

- Ground Rules read

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Minutes Approval -

- **Draft July Meeting Minutes**
 - Michael Rademacher abstains
 - Grace Carpenter moved approval
 - Karrie Fallon Seconded
 - Approved by role call

Legal Department

- Will join October 18th meeting
 - Questions for Legal Department
 - Can non-residents participate in Commission meetings
 - Is there a formal format for Commission Minutes

Grant Update

- Still waiting for the bikes to be made and shipped (2 bikes)
- Grace Carpenter needs access to the bike “garage” for her bike, near the bike path

Town Day

- Janice Cagan-Teuber will be present the entire time
- We will have the Commission brochure (has it been updated?)
- Grace Carpenter may also attend
- Kerrie Fallon won't be able to attend
- There is a survey that Iliana developed, hopefully we can have copies available

Working Group Updates

- **ADA Transition Plan & questions**
 - There will be a Kiosk for the Town Hall
 - New signage
 - Automatic doors have been replaced in both the Town Hall and the Robbins Library
 - Tim will attend the Capital Planning committee meeting

Budget

- Will be added as an agenda item for each meeting
- Previously we got a copy of our budget
- Within the Town Budget, the Commission has a line item of \$100,000 for ADA fixes
- Front steps and the ramp of the library have been identified as needing replacements

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Sub-Committee

- DEI
 - Met with the Town Manager
 - Town documents are to be translated into the various languages represented within the town of Arlington
- CODA
 - No one was able to attend this month's meeting from Arlington's Commission
- DPW
 - Current public works are slow
 - Handicapped ramps around town are being checked
 - There are contracts out for bid for sidewalk and paving repairs
 - Mass Ave is being prepped for 2025's 250'th year celebration

Guest:

- Laura Gerson
 - An Arlington resident is interested in joining the Disability Commission
 - Has low vision
 - Currently working as a Social Worker

Discussion

- Grace Carpenter inquired about the Robbins Farm rebuild
 - What's happening with the Handicapped Parking space?
 - MOD and ADA compliance checks
- Any possibility of Arlington Disability Commission being provided Community Access Monitor training?
- Are town documents accessible?
- Rebecca sent a message regarding MOD
- Kerrie Fallon went to the training and it was very helpful
- A question was raised regarding 1500 Mass Ave is whether a decision has been made about an accessible residence on the ground floor

Announcements

- Next meeting is October 16, 2024 at 6:00pm

Adjournment

- Grace Carpenter Moved we adjourn
- Michael Rademacher Seconded
- Meeting adjourned at 6:48pm by voice vote

Respectfully submitted, Janice L. Cagan-Teuber, Secretary