

Lancaster Commission on Disability Meeting Minutes May 20, 2014

Community Center / COD Office

Members Present: Mike McCue, Chair; Lesley Allison (at 7:30 pm), Rose Bissionette, Daryl Blaney, Marilyn Chambers, Lorry Doucet, Sue Smith, Carolyn Stump Guest: Alix Turner

Meeting Called to order at 6:10 pm after moving location from Senior Center to small COD office due to a reported scheduling conflict.

1. REVIEW & APPROVE MINUTES FROM 2/20 & 4/15/14 MEETINGS

- a. Minutes from 2/20/14 approved.
- b. Minutes from 4/15/14 approved.
- c. Carolyn reported that the January & March 2014 approved minutes were sent to Town Clerk's Office (Barbara Bartlett) on May 6, 2014

2. Town Matters: Thayer Campus Activity, OSRC, Trails, LCC Elevator, River Terrace, Mike's Diner and other updates

- a. Thayer Campus Activity
 - i. Meeting on Wednesday, May 28
 1. Lesley plans on attending the meeting.
- b. OSRC
 - i. No new information
- c. Trails
 - i. Eagle Ridge Walk rescheduled for 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 7 due to inclement weather on prior date.
 1. Mike has directions for those attending
 - ii. Daryl reported that the Windsor Heights trail is on hold, due to waiting for conveyance of the land.
- d. LCC Elevator
 - i. Mike read an AAB letter dated April 29, 2014, regarding completion, inspection and required verifications by June 1.
 1. Alix Turner stated she was aware of the latest issues and has been working with the Elevator Company regarding the meeting of deadlines.
- e. River Terrace
 - i. Lorry reports that she spoke with the Administrator via phone, and was told they are in the midst of changing owners.
 1. F/U next month
- f. Mike's Diner
 - i. Needs striping, especially of HP spaces.
 1. Mike said, "I have spoken with the owner & suggested the possibility of also changing placement of HP Signs."
 - a. Mike will follow up
- g. Other Updates
 - i. Marilyn reports striping of HP spaces at Mary Rowlandson School parking lot is needed.
 1. Mike will follow up

3. Accessibility Awareness Month, proclamation draft review etc.
 - a. Mike reported that the BOS approved the October 4, 2014 use of Town Green for Accessibility Awareness Month, and also agreed to issue a Proclamation of Lancaster Accessibility Awareness Month.
 - b. Rose distributed copies of proposed information and points to be included in the Proclamation
 - i. Wording with minor edits approved.
 - ii. Thank you to Rose for her extensive research.
 - iii. Rose will send edited copy to Mike, who will then forward it to Kathy Lamb, TA Administrator Secretary
 - c. Accessibility Van has been scheduled for Oct 4 by Rose
 - i. Massachusetts Safety Council with an Instructor
 - d. Discussion of possibility of some type of award to ADA compliant businesses
 - i. Mike proposed a challenge to businesses to do a self-audit of ADA compliance, perhaps with a "go to" link for basic compliance information
 1. Further discussion at next meeting
4. Disability Conference, MOD database
 - a. No-one was able to attend the Disability Conference on Mon, 5/19 in Marlboro, due to non-receipt of notices
 - i. Mike following up with Jeff Dougan regarding this
5. OTHER ISSUES
 - a. Elderly and Disabled Tax Fund
 - i. No new info
 - b. Emergency Planning Update
 - i. Mike met with Mike Hanson & will work with him to develop recommendations regarding informational services for disabilities in an emergency. Services available include:
 1. CERT (Citizen Emergency Response Training) program
 2. Emergency Manual has been updated except for the print form
 3. Comprehensive _____(rest of name?) Montachusett (regional)
 4. Medical Reserve Corps
 - c. COD Membership
 - i. Carolyn & Mike due for renewal in June 2014
 - d. Monthly Meeting Logistics
 - i. Meeting place issues discussed and to be resolved before next meeting.
 - ii. Laptop from office found missing and reported to Alix.
 1. No COD member has it.
 2. Mike to report to police and the fact of sensitive data on the laptop.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:42 pm,

