

Lancaster Commission on Disability

June 21, 2016

LLC/Senior Center

Members Present: Mike McCue, Chairman; Rose Bissonnette, Marilyn Chambers, Lorry Doucet, and Carolyn Stump

Meeting called to Order by Mike McCue at 6:00 pm

1. REVIEW & APPROVE MEETING MINUTES OF 5/17/2016

- a. Reviewed & approved 5/17/2016 meeting minutes

2. TOWN MATTERS, COMMISSIONS OR COMMITTEES, BUSINESSES UPDATES

a. Prescott Project

- i. Mike reported that he attended the Ad Hoc meeting on 6/20/16. External automatic door openers are now included in the building plan.

- 1. Ramp placement, handicap parking area & possible drop-off areas, turnaround spaces for wheelchairs inside the building etc. were also discussed according to Mike.

- ii. Bidding process planned for July start.

b. Tech Team Meeting

- i. Mike also attended this meeting on 6/1, and reported discussion regarding new businesses, including Thea FC Stars Soccer Club House on McGovern Blvd/Route 70.

- 1. An HC accessible Porta-Potty needs to be added to the FPC site, as during certain events etc., the planned clubhouse bathroom alone will be insufficient to handle the number of potential users.

- 2. A new development is also being planned adjacent this same location/ area, that will include a Dunkin' Donuts, a Gas Station and also at a later phase, a residential community.

c. Bigelow Gardens

- i. Daryl attended the meeting and reported that 8 curb cuts have been done. He also showed photos of these curb cuts.

- ii. LHA Board reported that the State determined that Bigelow Gardens had to pay for the work, on these curb cuts, from their budget.
- iii. at Bigelow Gardens with Ryan McNutt, Wanda Munding, and Kevin Bartlett, reviewed the curb cut plans and agreed that permits for the construction of the cuts are not required from the Town Of Lancaster because the State Owns Bigelow Gardens. Mike also toured the grounds with Wanda during curb cut construction and viewed an apartment for accessibility requirements.
- iv. Town Beach
 - 1. Mike stated that Lesley reported to him that Scouts were interested in helping.

3. FOLLOW UP ON EMERGENCY PREP, and ACCESSIBILITY OUTREACH ASSISTANCE

a. EMERGENCY PREP

- i. Rose checked in the 2-1-1 program & shared a printout of a website and follow up information from it.
 - 1. A Call to 2-1-1 is a non-emergency source of many providers. They can connect you with the appropriate provider should you need to request information.
 - 2. Websites included the following:
 - a. <http://www.mass211.org>
 - b. <http://www.disabilityresources.org/MASSACHUSETTS.html#TOP>
- ii. Daryl found a number of websites including the following (the entire list will be included in the COD Resources Binder)
 - 1. www.emergency.cdc.gov/preparedness
 - a. Various pages are under this for making a plan, as well as for preparing emergency kits, supplies, water, food etc.
 - 2. www.ready.gov (FEMA)
 - a. Preparation makes sense for those with disabilities, family emergency plans etc.

b. ACCESSIBILITY OUTREACH ASSISTANCE

- i. No new information

4. OCTOBER ACCESSIBILITY AWARENESS MONTH

- a. Carolyn reported that she spoke with Karen Silverthorn regarding TML highlighting Accessibility Awareness during the month. Karen had responded favorably to the idea. The Library is seeing more people with accessibility issues using it's resources.
 - b. Mike saw a chronological history of disability issues display
 - i. Rose or Mike will see if it could be borrowed, or if available as a slide/video format.
 - c. Mike suggested an art contest
 - i. Carolyn will ask Karen if a kids art contest might be considered
 - d. Other ideas for COD to consider
 - i. Tidbits of info in Item each week if Item Editor agrees
 - ii. Mary's email blast also.
5. MISC/OTHER AS NECESSARY
- a. Lancaster Gardens has no HP sign it was reported.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,