Lancaster Commission on Disability Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2016

Lancaster Community Center / Senior Center

Members Present: Michael McCue, Chairman: Lesley Allison, Rose Bissonnette, Daryl Blaney, Marilyn Chambers, Lorry Doucet, and Carolyn Stump

- 1. REVIEW & APPROVE MEETING MEETINGS FROM 4/21/16
- a) Minutes from 4/21/16 reviewed & approved with edits and Mike's feedback.
- 2. TOWN MATTERS, COMMISSIONS OR COMMITTEES, BUSINESSES UPDATES
 - a) Town Matters
 - i) Prescott Building
 - (1) Mike reported that Lynne Spencer, Architect with Spencer & Vogt, gave him the latest drawings, which he shared with COD members.
 - (2) Automatic door openers are not shown. Mike stated that openers for the exterior doors should be specified in the project and informed the architects and town officials reviewing the Prescott project that the COD vigorously supports this.
 - (a) Prescott Project is to be followed up at every future COD meeting until the project is completed.
 - (3) Drawings will be forwarded to COD members with special attention requested to red notes and yellow areas, as well as other notations.
 - (a) Report any concerns noted to Mike McCue.
 - ii) Bigelow Gardens
 - (1) Daryl attended a Lancaster Housing Authority meeting, and found that some Bigelow residents often interrupted the Board and also appeared to not be favorable to the Tenants Association.
 - (2) Mike spoke with Ryan McNutt regarding curb cuts at Bigelow Gardens.
 - (3) Mike also viewed a LHA Board meeting that was taped, at which a company was to bid on the curb cuts work.
 - (a) Mike will continue to follow up with Ryan McNutt, Town Administrator.
 - (b) Daryl, during the meeting, phoned Wanda Munding, LHC Director, and reported that the curb cut work is to begin in early June.

- iii) Town Beach
 - (1) Mike is waiting to hear back from Johnna Doyle regarding the email from her to Rep. Naughton.
- b) Commissions or Committees
 - i) See 3. b) Accessibility Outreach Assistance
 - ii) See 4. October Accessibility Awareness Month Planning
- c) Businesses Updates
 - i) No new information
- 3. FOLLOW UP ON EMERGENCY PREP BOOKLET AND ACCESSIBILITY OUTREACH ASSISTANCE
 - a) Emergency Prep Booklet
 - (1) The COD agreed that info in the booklet should also be directed to persons with disabilities.
 - (2) Reviewed and discussed Sterling's booklet for possible revisions for our use.
 - (a) Rose is checking on the Mass 2-1-1 program for information on implementation and other pertinent information.
 - (b) Mike will follow up with MOD to ascertain what information they have
 - b) Accessibility Outreach Assistance
 - i) Community Service Great Opportunity Flyer
 - (1) Members to distribute flyers (where?)
- 4. OCTOBER ACCESSIBILITY AWARENESS MONTH PLANNING LAUNCH
 - a) Idea Sheet Suggestions begun
 - i) Wed, October 5, 2016 2 6 pm COA Health & Wellness Fair
 (1) Lorry to talk with Alix about improved vendor placements
 - ii) Saturday, October 1, 2016 10 am 4 pm Horseshed Fair
 - iii) Mike suggested that the COD consider doing something "out of the box" to get noticed more. The group discussed ideas ranging from stunts to a wheelchair race, etc.
 - iv) Further discussion to transpire at next meeting.

- 5. MISC / OTHER AS NECESSARY
 - a) No new information

Respectfully Submitted,