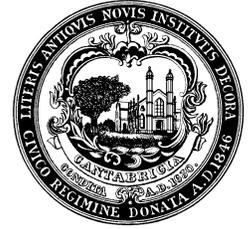


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# Commission for Persons with Disabilities

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Project Coordinator

**The next meeting of the Cambridge Commission for Persons with Disabilities  
will be held online via Zoom on Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 5:30 PM**

PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO JOIN BY 5:30 PM

## AGENDA

**\*Please keep your microphone muted when you are not speaking\***

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| 1. Introductions<br><i>If needed, alternates named</i>  | 2 min.  |   |
| 2. Announcements  | 2 min.  | CCPD staff / Board                                  |
| 3. Approval of March 9 Minutes<br><i>See page 4 of agenda packet</i>  | 2 min.  | CCPD Board  |
| 4. Presentation on Hampshire St.<br>Project<br><i>See page 7 of agenda packet</i>                               | 45 min. | Dept. of Traffic, Parking &<br>Transportation Staff |
| 5. Public Works Update  | 10 min. | Jerry Friedman                                      |
| 6. Chair's Report<br><i>Updates on CCPD Retreat Planning</i>  | 10 min. | Avril dePagter                                      |
| 7. Project Coordinator's Report   | 5 min.  | Kate Thurman  |
| 8. Old Business   | 3 min.  | CCPD staff / Board                                  |
| 9. New Business   | 3 min.  | CCPD staff / Board                                  |
| 10. Public Input<br><i>See pages 2&amp;3 of this agenda packet for instructions on providing public comment</i> | 5 min.  | general public                                      |

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(captions will not appear until the meeting has started)

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**The next CCPD meeting will be held online on Thursday, April 13**

Members of the public: See instructions on following pages on how to watch the CCPD meeting and provide public comment via Zoom

Approved 4/13/2023

Cambridge Commission for Persons with Disabilities (CCPD)

# Minutes for Thursday, March 9, 2023 CCPD Meeting

Online via Zoom

Meeting was called to order at 5:31 pm

## Present:

Members: Loring Brinckerhoff, Avril dePagter (Chair), Mary Devlin (Secretary), Jerry Friedman, Robert Goss, Valerie Hammond, Stelios Gragoudas, Keisha Greaves, Nicole Horton-Stimpson, and Dan Stubbs

Staff: Kate Thurman

Guest speakers: Andreas Wolfe, Cambridge Department of Traffic, Parking & Transportation (TPT)

## Minutes:

The February 9, 2023 minutes were unanimously approved.

## Presentation on Hampshire Street Project

- Andreas Wolfe of the Dept. of Traffic, Parking & Transportation (TPT) shared an update on the Hampshire Street Project (see attached presentation “Hampshire Street Safety Improvement Project: Inman Square to Broadway” for more information)
- Project runs from Inman square to Broadway, Broadway to Portland St in multiple sections
- Andreas reviewed the overview of the proposed design including parking options, accessible spaces, loading zones, and bus stops. He reminded us that entire length has a bike lane
- The proposal includes the removal of an accessible spot outside the DPW building on Hampshire, although the one in the parking lot will remain which anyone can use and an accessible space will be added on Elm St.
- Concern raised about non-placard holders using accessible spots and any recourse available.
  - It was recognized this is a problem throughout the city. People may call the non-emergency police number (617-349-3300) to report vehicles illegally parked in disability parking spots.
- Comment made to keep a disability parking spot close to the S&S Deli for patrons.
  - S&S was involved in the plan and also have accessible spots on their parking lot.
- Question asked about converting a metered spot in one section to an accessible spot.
  - The parking is floating so there are concerns about navigation for people who need accessible parking. TPT will look at the sections from Elm to Medeiros to see if there is the possibility of creating an additional spot.

## Public Works Update:

- Jerry reported that a working group is being developed for a bike lane project on Mass Ave to the Arlington line. Dan Stubbs will represent the CCPD on the group.
- Reflectors have been retrofitted on some of the bike lanes as requested by a member of the CCPD.

## Chair’s Report

- Avril reported that the retreat is confirmed for April 1 from 1 – 5pm at Dan’s office with gathering at noon for lunch and informal networking. Transportation will be available from the senior center in Central Square for those who want it.
  - Reminder that everyone must Covid test in the morning.

- Agenda for the retreat has been sent out to members.
- A packet of information with current by-laws and original ordinance will be sent out for members to review prior to the retreat.
- A question was asked about what members would like to get out of the retreat.
  - People want to learn more about the history of the Commission; another wants to know about the background and interests of the other members; a suggestion was made that we include the development of a social media campaign for the Commission to communicate our mission and activities out to the community.
- There was a discussion about members' terms and how terms will be renewed.
- Names of potential new Commission members have been submitted to the City Manager for approval. There is a hope that the members will be in place in time for the retreat.

## Staff Report

- Kate attended a meeting with Mayor Siddiqui and Sara Minkara, the U.S. State Department Special Advisor on International Disability Rights. Sara is gathering best practices regarding the rights and inclusion of people in disabilities that are in place around the U.S. with the hope of sharing them with other countries, and particularly less developed ones where disability rights are lacking.
- Kate shared the work of CCPD staff and Commission members with Sara, who was particularly interested in learning about the City's Language Justice Initiative.

## Old Business

- None

## New Business

- Robert shared that Open Arts is looking for people to share their expertise.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Devlin, Secretary