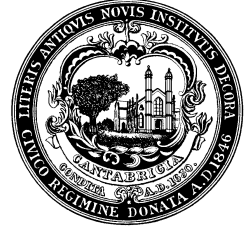


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The next meeting of the Cambridge Commission for Persons with Disabilities will be held in the 2nd Floor Conference Room at 51 Inman Street on Thursday, September 8, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ARRIVE BY 5:30 PM

AGENDA

Please turn OFF your cell phones before the meeting begins. Thank you.

NOTE: CCPD meetings may be audio recorded for the purpose of taking minutes.

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| 1. Introductions | 2 min. | |
| <i>If needed, alternates named</i> | | |
| 2. Approval of July 14 Minutes | 2 min. | |
| 3. Announcements | 2 min. | CCPD staff / board |
| 4. Chair's Report | 30 min. | Gary Dmytryk |
| <i>Expectations for CCPD Meetings</i> | | |
| <i>Filling Board Vacancies</i> | | |
| <i>September 30 Employment & Benefits Training</i> | | |
| 5. Public Works Update | 10 min. | Debbie Cheng |
| 6. Police Community Liaison | 10 min. | Jack Albert |
| 7. Disability Reframed Film Series | 5 min. | Bet MacArthur |
| 8. Project Coordinator's Report | 5 min. | Kate Thurman |
| 9. Public Input | 3 min. | general public |
| 10. Old Business | 2 min. | |
| 11. New Business | 2 min. | |

This is a scent-free meeting. In consideration of individuals with environmental illness and/or multiple chemical sensitivity, please refrain from wearing perfume, after-shave or any other scented products to our meetings. Thank you for your consideration.

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The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 13, 2016



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Cambridge Commission for Persons with Disabilities (CCPD)

Minutes for Thursday, September 08, 2016

51 Inman Street, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Cambridge, MA 02139

Meeting was called to order at 5:37 pm

Present

Members: Gary Dmytryk, Elizabeth Dean-Clower, Sandy Durmaskin (via phone), Maria Fontellio, Nicole Horton-Stimpson, Bet MacArthur, and Alicia Zeh-Dean.

Absent: Debbie Cheng

Staff: Kate Thurman

Guests: Jack Albert, JoAnn Haas, Jenny Lacika, Luis Loya, Carmelle Madhere, Julie Miller, and Jim Wilcox.

Documents/Materials Used:

- Agenda
- Minutes from July 14
- Flyer for Employment & Benefits Training
- Flooding: Is Your Property Protected? (<http://bit.ly/2dqquZS>)
- DPW's Five Year Plan Street List (see <http://bit.ly/2dQ3lc8> for details)

Minutes:

A motion to approve the July 14, 2016 minutes was seconded and passed unanimously.

Chair's Report: Gary Dmytryk reported that City Manager Rich Rossi has appointed five new members to CCPD's Advisory Board from a large pool of highly qualified candidates, effective September 12: Katie Ashwill Allen, Stelios Gragoudas, Mike Langlois, Luis Loya, and Julie Miller. He said that Michael Muehe will be coordinating an orientation session for new members.

Gary spoke about making CCPD meetings more structured. He spoke about CCPD meeting expectations and defined the role of alternates, who are former CCPD Commission members appointed at the Chair's discretion to serve as members during a meeting when necessary to meet a quorum. As always and unless appointed as an alternate for a specific meeting, former members are welcome to attend meetings as members of the public. He also welcomed members of the public to speak during public comment period, but noted that it is not a time for debate.

He said it may be useful for members to work together to develop statements for CCPD's operating principles and procedures. Nicole Horton-Stimpson suggested a subcommittee to work on defining goals and setting a mission statement. Bet and Alicia volunteered for this.

Sub-committee ideas discussed:

- Operating principles & procedures, developing Commission priorities
- Community & business outreach
- Field trips for members

- Disability Reframed Community Film Series
- Media
- Legislative
- Participatory budgeting
- AccessLetter
- Accessibility review

Disability Reframed Film Series: Bet MacArthur gave a brief history of the film series and how it started. She noted that CCPD has been partnering with the Boston Commission for the last few years, alternating screenings between Boston and Cambridge. She encouraged additional members to join the planning sub-committee.

Public Works Update: Jim Wilcox reported on current status of the Five Year Plan's sidewalk and roadway work. Construction work will continue throughout the city through November and December, depending on weather, and then break for the winter. He reported that contractors are required to maintain accessibility at construction sites and that DPW has inspectors that will go out to sites to check for accessibility. He asked that people call 617-349-4800 if they encounter any accessibility concerns in a construction zone. This number is answered 24/7. See <http://bit.ly/2dQ3lc8> for the Five Year Plan.

Jim also reported on a recent climate change vulnerable assessment done by the City, which resulted in the publication of "Flooding: Is Your Property Protected?" He said that DPW engineers are available to meet with residents to discuss ways to make their properties more resistant to flood damage. See <http://www.cambridgema.gov/theworks/newsandevents/news/2016/09/Flooding.aspx> for more information.

Police Community Liaison's Update: Deputy Superintendent Jack Albert encouraged folks to sign up for the Cambridge Alert Network (online at www.cambridgema.gov/cpd), which will alert users to snow and other emergencies, as well as crime-related notifications. He also recommended smart phone apps Code Red and Nextdoor. He reported that the PD's Communications Director, Jeremy Warnick, has developed a great rapport with Cambridge neighborhoods on Nextdoor.

Jack said that Cambridge was the first City in the state to join Rapid SOS, a new emergency communication smart phone app that links mobile phone callers directly to the local emergency communications provider. It also has several features that are especially useful to people with disabilities, including the ability to communicate with 911 via text messaging; additionally, users may add their health information, which will automatically pop up on the emergency dispatcher's screen. For more information, including on how Cambridge residents can get a free 10 year membership, see <http://bit.ly/2duwnDK>.

Project Coordinator's Report: Kate Thurman reported attending a participatory budgeting (PB) "speed dating" event at City Hall, where she answered questions that PB delegate had regarding accessibility. One delegate, resident Laura Mattal, has taken a particular interest CCPD's proposal for universally designed playground elements. She researched and found a company in Vermont, The Treehouse Guys, who design and build accessible treehouses. She is looking to see if that would be a feasible option. She's also interested in learning what specific UD elements may be desired by families who have children with disabilities.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10PM
Respectfully submitted by Kate Thurman