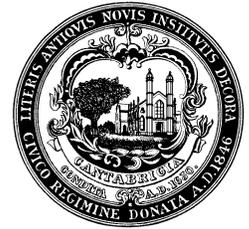


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ADA Coordinator*

Kate Thurman
Project Coordinator

Joanna Berton Martinez
Pro Bono Associate

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, November 8 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 are audio recorded for the purpose of taking minutes.

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| 1. Introductions | 2 min. | |
| 2. Approval of Minutes for October 11 | 2 min. | |
| 3. Announcements | 3 min. | CCPD staff / board |
| 4. Chair's Report
<i>Recap of October Employment Event
Updates</i> | 15 min. | Elizabeth Dean-Clower |
| 5. Public Works Update | 15 min. | Kathy Watkins |
| 6. Police Community Liaison Update | 5 min. | Chris Burke |
| 7. Update on Sidewalk Obstruction Issues | 10 min. | JoAnn Haas |
| 8. Disability Reframed Film Series | 5 min. | Bet MacArthur |
| 9. Executive Director's Report | 10 min. | Michael Muehe |
| 10. Project Coordinator's Report | 5 min. | Kate Thurman |
| 11. Public Input | 3 min. | general public |
| 12. Old Business | 3 min. | |
| 13. New Business | 2 min. | |

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ACCEPTED 12/13/12

Cambridge Commission for Persons with Disabilities (CCPD)

Minutes for Thursday, November 8, 2012

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

Meeting was called to order at 5:40pm

Present:

Members: Miriam Cooper, Elizabeth Dean-Clover, Sandy Durmaskin, JoAnn Haas, Alissa Land, Bet MacArthur, and Kathy Watkins.

Alternates: Don Summerfield

Staff: Michael Muehe and Kate Thurman

Absent: Eileen Keegan Bongiorno, Naomi Pinson, and Dave Wood.

Guests: Superintendent Chris Burke, Cambridge Police Department; Nathaniel Burns, Northeastern University journalism student.

Documents Used:

- Agenda for November 8, 2012 CCPD Meeting
- Minutes from October 11, 2012 CCPD Meeting
- Shared Streets PowerPoint
- Summary of Evaluation Results
- Map of Kingsley Park with proposed trails

Minutes: A motion to amend the October 11, 2012 minutes to add the following information was seconded and passed:

- There is also a mail-in option for prescription drug disposal.
- JoAnn Haas will email Kate Thurman with information to add regarding her Sidewalk Update.

A motion to accept the minutes as amended was seconded and passed.

Chair's Report: Elizabeth Dean-Clover reminded those in attendance that the December meeting will be abbreviated and will be followed by a holiday party.

There was discussion about October's Successful Solutions employment event, including the possibility of working with the Chamber of Commerce in future events in order to get more employers to participate.

Public Works Update: Kathy Watkins reported on the DPW Shared Streets presentation that she gave at a conference in New York.

Police Community Liaison Update: Superintendent Chris Burke reported that the service animal presentation for City employees has been postponed. He said that Kate Thurman and Jim Mulcahy, Legal Advisor for the Police Department, gave a service dog presentation at a License Commission meeting.

Superintendent Burke also reported that the Police Department's focus group will take place from 6-8pm on Dec. 6 at the Police Station, 125 Sixth Street. It will include a community engagement training presentation to educate the community about police procedures and what to expect from their police department. They are forming a focus group to help identify what topics to present to community groups

and are looking for different boards to have representation, including CCPD. It is an opportunity for the Police Department to receive feedback from the community.

Sidewalk Update: JoAnn Haas reported sending an email to neighborhood associations regarding snow and ice removal from sidewalks and will forward it to Harvard facility directors, as well.

Ms. Haas discussed the possibility of sending reminders to people about shoveling sidewalks after storms via the Cambridge E-line email list. She also suggested including an article in the AccessLetter about challenges that people with vision disabilities have with snow. Miriam Cooper offered to draft one.

Ms. Haas noted that the brick sidewalks near the Central Square T station are in bad shape. Kathy Watkins reported that \$175,000 of the miscellaneous sidewalk budget will be used to replace some areas of brick in Central Square with wire cut brick.

Disability Reframed: Bet MacArthur reported that the screening of *Life.Support.Music.* on Saturday, October 27 at the Kroc Center in Boston, went very well. She said that the next screening is being planned for January.

Executive Director's Report: Mr. Muehe reported that the deadline for submissions to the next issue of AccessLetter is November 15.

He also said that he has been working on the Kingsley Park redesign and discussed different options of making the trails accessible. He displayed a map of the proposed options.

Sandy Durmaskin made a motion that the Commission express a preference for Southern Option 2. The motion was seconded and passed.

Project Coordinator's Report: Kate Thurman reported speaking at a License Commission mandatory meeting for establishments applying for new liquor licenses along with Jim Mulcahy of the Police Department about service animals. Her presentation included the change in definition of service animal under the ADA, when they can be excluded, questions that may be asked of service animal users and that it is illegal to require identification proving that a dog is a service animal.

She also informed members that the City was required to provide them with the State Ethics Commission's Summary of the Conflict of Interest Law for Municipal Employees, and to collect forms from each member acknowledging receipt of the summary. The City is obligated to do this each November.

New Business:

Miriam Cooper reported that cyclists are not stopping for red lights or yielding to pedestrians at Rindge and Massachusetts Avenues, and that the culture needs to change, as this is very dangerous. Superintendent Burke noted that it is a function of every Cambridge Police Officer to enforce bicycle regulations, and that violations carry a \$20 fine. He will prepare some statistics on enforcement to report on at the December meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kate Thurman, Disability Project Coordinator