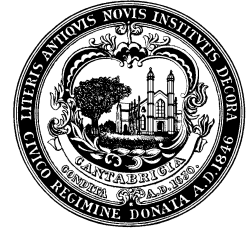


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Project Coordinator

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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, December 13 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 November 8 | 2 min. | |
| 3. Announcements | 2 min. | CCPD staff / board |
| 4. Chair's Report | 5 min. | Elizabeth Dean-Clower |
| 5. Police Community Liaison Update
<i>Update on Enforcement of Bicycle Traffic Regulations</i> | 5 min. | Chris Burke |
| 6. Update on Sidewalk Obstruction Issues | 5 min. | JoAnn Haas |
| 7. Disability Reframed Film Series | 5 min. | Bet MacArthur |
| 8. Executive Director's Report | 5 min. | Michael Muehe |
| 9. Project Coordinator's Report | 3 min. | Kate Thurman |
| 10. Public Input | 2 min. | general public |
| 11. Old Business | 2 min. | |
| 12. New Business | 2 min. | |

**After a short Commission meeting,
we will adjourn for a Holiday Gathering
in the room next door.**

Bring some festive refreshments to share.

Invite family and friends of the Commission!

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.

The City of Cambridge, Commission for Persons with Disabilities, does not discriminate on the basis of disability. The Commission for Persons with Disabilities will provide auxiliary aids and services, written materials in alternative formats, and reasonable modifications in policies and procedures to persons with disabilities upon request.



Approved 1/10/13

Cambridge Commission for Persons with Disabilities (CCPD)

Minutes for Thursday, December 13, 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, JoAnn Haas, Eileen Keegan Bongiorno, Alissa Land, and Bet MacArthur.

Alternates: Don Summerfield

Staff: Michael Muehe and Kate Thurman

Absent: Sandy Durmaskin, Naomi Pinson, Kathy Watkins, and Dave Wood.

Guests: Laura Brelsford, MBTA Office of System-Wide Accessibility; Jonathan Lazar, Radcliff Institute; and Burt Pusch, Arlington Resident.

Documents Used:

- Agenda for December 13, 2012 CCPD Meeting
- Minutes from November 8, 2012 CCPD Meeting

Minutes: A motion approve the November 8, 2012 minutes was seconded and passed.

Chair's Report: Elizabeth Dean-Clover reported that there are upcoming vacancies on the CCPD board. This will be discussed more at the January, 2013 meeting.

Police Community Liaison Update: Superintendent Chris Burke reported meeting with a Police Department traffic supervisor about bicycle traffic enforcement, who is in the process of gathering statistics, after which he will report on bicycle traffic in more detail. The Bicycle Unit, which was created in 2009, used to do the enforcement, but now the enforcement is done by all Cambridge police officers and the Bicycle Unit focuses mostly on outreach to the bicycle community.

Sidewalk Update: JoAnn Haas asked those in attendance to report missing bricks in sidewalks to DPW before they fill up with snow and ice.

Disability Reframed: Bet MacArthur reported that the next film, *Children of a Lesser God*, will be screened at the Cambridge Senior Center on January 12, 2013 at 2pm. Bet MacArthur and Michael Muehe will look into reserving additional disability parking spaces for the film.

Executive Director's Report: Mr. Muehe reported that the Central Square Theater/Underground Railway Theater will be holding a Disability Rights Symposium, which will be co-sponsored by CCPD, in conjunction with a performance of *The Mountaintop*, a fictional depiction of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s last night on earth set entirely in Room 306 of the Lorraine Motel on the eve of his assassination on April 4, 1968. With Mr. Muehe moderating the discussion, Joanne Daniels-Finegold and John Kelly will be guest speakers at the Symposium, which will look at how the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s work helped pave the way for the disability rights movement, and how leaders in our community are carrying that work forward today. [Editor's note: since Mr. Muehe's report, the Symposium has been moved to Saturday, January 26 at 2PM, followed by the performance at 3PM].

Public Input: Laura Brelsford announced that the new Park Street MBTA elevator will be opening Friday, December 21, with a formal ribbon cutting celebration at 11am. Members of the public are invited to attend the celebration.

New Business: Elizabeth Dean-Clover announced that MassHealth recently had an open meeting regarding dual eligibility for Medicaid and Medicare, and as part of that, MassHealth is forming an implementation council. The nomination deadline for the council is 5pm on Monday, December 17. The council will meet six times per year.

Meeting adjourned at 6:39pm and was followed by the annual potluck holiday celebration.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kate Thurman, Disability Project Coordinator