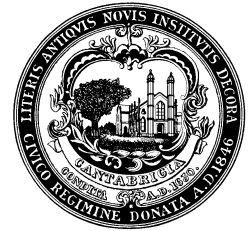


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The next meeting of the Cambridge Commission for Persons with Disabilities will be held in the 2nd Floor Conference Room at 51 Inman Street on Thursday, February 20, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

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.

1. Introductions	2 min.	
2. Approval of Minutes for January 9	2 min.	
3. Announcements	2 min.	CCPD staff / board
4. Chair's Report	5 min.	Miriam Cooper
5. Disability Reframed Film Series	5 min.	Bet MacArthur
6. DHSP Inclusion Update	5 min.	Nicole Horton-Stimpson, Manager of Inclusion Services
7. Public Service Announcements (PSA) update	5 min.	Joanna Berton Martinez
8. Police Community Liaison Update	5 min.	Jack Albert
9. Public Works Update	5 min.	Kara Falise
10. Update on Sidewalk Obstruction Issues	5 min.	JoAnn Haas
11. Executive Director's Report	5 min.	Michael Muehe
12. Public Input	2 min.	general public
13. Old Business	1 min.	
14. New Business	1 min.	

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MINUTES

Cambridge Commission for Persons with Disabilities (CCPD)
Minutes for Thursday, February 20, 2014
51 Inman Street, 2nd Floor Conference Room, Cambridge, MA 02139

Meeting was called to order at 5:40pm

Present

Members: Miriam Cooper, Sandy Durmaskin, Kara Falise, Nicole Horton Stimpson

Staff: Michael Muehe

Pro Bono Associate: Joanna Berton Martinez

Absent

Members: Bet MacArthur, Joann Haas, Holly Aldrich, Avner Fink, Alissa Land, Naomi Pinson, Elizabeth Dean-Clower

Staff: Kate Thurman

Guest: Deputy Superintendent Jack Albert, Cambridge Police Department Liaison

Documents/Materials Used:

- Notes from January 9, 2014 CCPD Meeting
- Video link of draft Public Service Announcement (PSA)

Minutes: CCPD did not have a quorum to adopt minutes from the January 2014 Meeting.

Announcements:

None

Chair's Report: Miriam Cooper

- Thank you DHSP! The bus routes in primary routes are more accessible this winter. Remind your neighbors to shovel, please.
- Looked at new APS (accessible pedestrian signal) on Oxford + Everett Streets near Harvard Law School: settings, languages, sounds, and more. Will send a link about it to the Commission if Members would like to give feedback.
- Avner will have to cancel the Employment Meeting that was originally scheduled Feb 24 -- new date tbd.
- City + Deputy City Manager will be guests at the CCPD Meeting in March. Ideas to discuss with them include CCPD's interest in promoting more employment information in 2014; interest to build another fabulous event in October; successful CCPD events such as the Disability Expo and Bet's Film Series; are there short films/videos CCPD can offer City employees once a month or twice a year, during the day or during the work-week instead of evenings + weekends; how about providing workshops like Kate's presentation on service animals; showcasing CCPD's growing PSA library; broaching accessible housing as something CCPD would like to know more about; and how to promote accessibility to the City website (there are established guidelines to make City websites more accessible). **Ask Members what they want to discuss** sometime after this meeting but before the one in March. Take a look at last year's CCPD minutes and bring compilation of the Commission's successes and issues of interest from the community.

- The Cambridge Park Playground is a good example of an accessible playground. We have an accessible merry go-round!

Disability Reframed Film Series: Michael Muehe

Bet MacArthur was absent but Michael shared the Feb 4 film series at the Cambridge Main Library featuring the documentary, "Getting Up" was a big hit. This event was in collaboration with the Boston Disability Commission and their film group. After the film there was a panel and it was good. One panelist spoke on filmmaking and the other discussed architecture. Discussion on graffiti art! Good number of people attended, too.

DHSP Inclusion Update: Nicole Horton Stimpson

Located on the 2nd Floor, next CCPD office. The Inclusion Initiative has begun and is off to a very good start.

Public Service Announcement: Joanna Berton Martinez

- Viewed last draft of, "Not Even For A Minute" (55 sec) to remind unauthorized drivers not to park in disability spots.
- Discussion around the new accessible logo, branding the term "disability spot" and dissuade the use of "handicapped parking", promoting the new logo including the artist who created it and how it gained momentum as an exciting new logo to use.
- Joanna will fine-tune the last edits based on Members' feedback to be completed last week of February.
- Ideas to promote PSA: send Members link, post on DHSP Facebook page + CCPD website, blast Membership, send to Police twitter-feed, where else?

Police Community Liaison Update: No update, Mr. Albert was not present this evening.

Public Works Update: Kara Falise

54 inches of snow to date this FY2014, beating the average (43 inches/season in Boston, approx.). There have been 16 snow operation events (plowing, salting), some were two-days in a row, 5 of which were overnight enhanced bus stop clearing operations. There have been 4 events in the last 7 days. As of February 19, 2014, have received 1210 snow/ice removal complaints and issued 652 tickets. As a comparison, last season Public Works engaged 1328 inspections and issued 370 tickets. This year, enforcement officers are issuing more tickets alongside warnings. The public is able to track complaints on iReport; the process now is more efficient. The City is running out of space to put the snow. There have been a few back-to-back storms and the rain following the snow so quick this week was a consideration, too. There is a national salt shortage, not an issue yet but it might be if the weather does not let up. Special thanks to the snow plow drivers + the folks who answer the phones.

Update on Sidewalk Obstruction Issues: No update this evening, Ms. Haas was not in attendance.

Executive Director's Report: Michael Muehe

- Kate is in good spirits and is getting well.
- The office will need assistance to run smoothly for the time being, send Michael suggestions via email.
- The 90% reimbursement program in Cambridge has been successful. Cambridge businesses are interested; Michael has three site visits tomorrow and there are more candidates under consideration. This program augments the existing Façade Improvement program. To read more on the 90% Program there is an article in the Dec 2013/Jan 2014 AccessLetter.
- Go see the art exhibit next store, it's free and is up through June.
- New Temporary Parking Permits are changing its format from the laminated sign on the dashboard to a "hang tag" to drop down from the rearview mirror. The Traffic Department is paying for the signs.
- **Deadline for next AccessLetter is March 15.** CCPD is asking Members for news articles for the upcoming issue, please send to Michael.
- Although CCPD did not get the art grant from Cambridge Arts Council (CAC) to promote more PSA's and to add captioning on community shows, we do have their input to make a stronger application next time and to tell the truth, CCPD submitted an excellent application. There were a lot of applicants this cycle.
- Michael joined a monthly, national conference call for ADA Coordinators and their last discussion included the new accessible logo

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joanna Berton Martinez