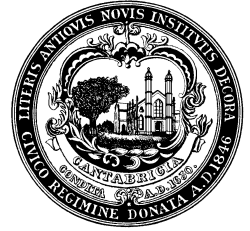


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The Cambridge Commission for Persons with Disabilities is holding its monthly meeting online via Zoom on January 9, 2025 from 5:30 – 7:00 PM

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 | 1 min. | |
| 2. Announcements | 2 min. | CCPD staff / Board |
| 3. Approval of November & December Minutes
<i>See page 4 of this agenda packet</i> | 2 min. | CCPD Board |
| 4. Chair's Report
<i>Updates on work with MIT Job Connector
CCPD Retreat Planning</i> | 45 min. | Keisha Greaves |
| 5. Public Works Update | 10 min. | Melissa Miguel |
| 6. Staff Report | 10 min. | Rachel Tanenhaus & Kate Thurman |
| 7. Public Input
<i>See pages 2&3 of this agenda packet for instructions on providing public comment</i> | 3 min. | general public |

CART/closed captioning will be provided for this meeting

Captions can be turned on within the Zoom platform or streamed in a separate URL at <https://bit.ly/CCPDcaptioning>

(captions will not appear until the meeting has started)

The City of Cambridge Commission for Persons with Disabilities, does not discriminate, including 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.

**The next CCPD meeting will be held on
Thursday, February 13, 2025 from 5:30-7:00 PM**

Members of the public: See instructions on pages 2 & 3 on how to watch the CCPD meeting and provide public comment via Zoom

Approved 2/13/2025

Cambridge Commission for Persons with Disabilities (CCPD)

Minutes for Thursday, January 9, 2025 CCPD Meeting

Online via Zoom

Meeting was called to order at 5:34 PM

Present:

Members: Keisha Greaves, Deepti Nijhawan, Melissa Miguel, Avril dePagter, Zach Solomons, Rayna Jhaveri, Loring Brinckerhoff, Emma Pan

Absent: Danielle Jones McLaughlin, Dan Stubbs

Staff: Rachel Tanenhaus

Announcements:

- The Cambridge Public Health Department will hold a focus group for persons with disabilities on physical activities on Saturday, January 25 at 2:30 pm at the Valente branch of the Cambridge Public Library. People with disabilities and their caregivers are invited to participate in a compensated, in-person focus group. Registration is required.

Approval of Minutes:

- November minutes were approved unanimously.
- December minutes were approved unanimously.

Chair's Report:

Updates on Work with MIT Job Connector:

Rachel researched some questions posed to her by the employment working group and the folks at the MIT Job Connector.

- Harvard University as a whole does not specifically have job matching programs on- or off-campus for students with disabilities, but the Harvard Business school has a job matching program for people with disabilities through Jewish Family and Children's Services.
- Concerns posed at a City Council meeting by the City Manager regarding a proposal to establish a Job Trust were not related to the existence of the Job Trust itself, but to its proposed source of funding. Cambridge already has higher fees for developers than any of its neighbors and the City Manager expressed that adding to those fees at a time when Cambridge is already predicting a drop-off in development over the next few years might not be a wise move fiscally. No issue was raised with the Job Trust itself. City Council voted to begin the lengthy home rule process necessary for establishing the Job Trust and will determine where funding would come from once that process was a little further along. The Job Trust is likely to be created at some point.

Board members asked about the possibility of inviting the City Manager to a CCPD meeting. Keisha mentioned that she frequently e-mails him and that others could contact him with concerns.

CCPD Retreat Planning

Avril, Keisha, Rayna, and Danielle are on the planning committee for the next CCPD Board retreat. Possible dates include May 3, May 10, or May 31.

Public Works Update:

On-going construction:

- **Port Infrastructure Project- Harvard St.:**
 - No winter month construction
 - Will resume next year
- **River Street:**
 - Utility work to continue along River St throughout the winter, as weather permits.
 - Carl Barron Plaza will see pedestrian detours ongoing for the next month. Contractor to pay special attention to accessibility features – we will monitor closely.
- **Willard Street:**
 - **CONTRACT COMPLETE**
- **Binney Street Park:**
 - **CONTRACT COMPLETE**
 - **PARK OPEN**
- **Harvard Sq. Plaza:**
 - Dunster St detour to end on Tues 11/19, mid-morning
 - Mobilized to Phase I early January
 - Phase I duration - ~ 11 weeks
 - Phase I involves curb and sidewalk replacement, utility installations and conduit work
 - Estimate Contract Completion Date – November 2026
- **Chapter 90, Contract 24:**
 - Huron Avenue – Complete
 - Park Avenue - Complete
 - Chestnut Street
 - Brick sidewalk install continues through winter as weather allows
 - Top course paving complete – Pearl to Pleasant
 - Elm St
 - Some sidewalk work remains
 - Final paving Spring 2025
 - Webster Ave – Complete
 - Dodge Street
 - Final roadway in this contract
 - Contractor will mobilize spring 2025 with a winter 2025 completion date
- **Chapter 90, Contract 25-** Contract has been awarded to Newport Construction
 - Utility work ongoing on **Maple Ave**
 - Utility work to commence on **Montgomery Ave** in February 2025
 - Work will continue through winter as weather allows
- **Contract Streets**
 - Green St- Pearl to Landsdowne
 - Maple Avenue- Broadway to Cambridge
 - Centre St – Dana to Hancock
 - Montgomery St – Harvey to Rindge
 - Sciarappa St- Charles to Winter

Upcoming projects:

- **Port Infrastructure Project:** Clement Morgan Park and Streets in Phase I contract will be bid this winter.
- **Mass Ave4 improvements:**
 - Median removal work will begin early 2025. **Contract is currently in the process of being awarded.**

- **Chapter 90, Contract 26-** Second round of community meetings will start up late March 2025 and continue through May. Expected bid date: late summer 2025
 - Chetwyn Road – Newell St to End
 - Gray Street – Martin to Linnaean
 - Haskell – Rindge to Mass Ave
 - Norfolk – Broadway to Somerville City Line
 - Shepard – Garden to Mass Ave
 - Avon Hill Street – Linnaean St to Upland Rd
 - Hillside Ave – Avon Hill St to Washington Ave

If you are interested in receiving email notifications/updates for Chapter 90 - Contract 26, please email Melissa Miguel, P.E. at mmiguel@cambridgema.gov and you will be added to the contact list.

Reminder: Sidewalk ordinance for snow removal

12.16.110 - Sidewalks—Snow and ice removal.

Removal of Snow from Sidewalks. The owner or occupant of private property bordering on a street where there is a sidewalk or footway shall, within twelve hours after snow ceases to fall in the daytime and before one p.m. after a fall of snow during the night, cause all snow that may be on such sidewalk or footway to be removed therefrom. In the event of an unusually heavy snowfall, the time limit shall be extended at the discretion of the Commissioner of Public Works. The provisions of this section shall apply to snow which falls from buildings as well as to that which falls from the clouds.

Removal of Ice from Sidewalks. The owner or occupant of private property bordering on a street where there is a sidewalk or footway any portion of which is encumbered by ice shall within six hours after the sidewalk or footway becomes encumbered with ice cause such sidewalk or footway to be made safe and convenient by removing the ice therefrom, or by keeping the same covered with sand or some other suitable substance.

To report an icy sidewalk, use the SeeClickFix App or call DPW at **617-349-4800**.

Staff Report:

Rachel Tanenhaus reported

- Rachel has been participating in the Community Based Advisory Committee for Mount Auburn Hospital.
- Since less construction goes on in the winter, Cambridge hasn't been receiving as many MA Architectural Access Board (MAAB) variance requests lately.

Public Comment:

None.

Meeting adjourned at 6:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Tanenhaus