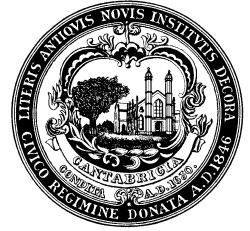


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Kate Thurman
Project Coordinator

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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, December 12 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 14 | 2 min. | |
| 3. Announcements | 2 min. | CCPD staff / board |
| 4. Chair's Report | 5 min. | Miriam Cooper |
| 5. Guest: DHSP Inclusion Specialist | 3 min. | Nithya Prabhala |
| 6. Police Community Liaison Update | 5 min. | Jack Albert |
| 7. Public Works Update | 5 min. | Kara Falise |
| 8. Update on Sidewalk Obstruction Issues | 5 min. | JoAnn Haas |
| 9. Disability Reframed Film Series | 5 min. | Bet MacArthur |
| 10. Executive Director's Report | 4 min. | Michael Muehe |
| 11. Project Coordinator's Report | 3 min. | Kate Thurman |
| 12. Public Input | 2 min. | general public |
| 13. Old Business | 1 min. | |
| 14. New Business | 1 min. | |

After a short Commission meeting, we will adjourn for a Holiday Potluck 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.



Cambridge Commission for Persons with Disabilities (CCPD)

Minutes for Thursday, December 12, 2013

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

Meeting was called to order at 5:52pm

Present:

Members: Miriam Cooper, Elizabeth Dean-Clower, Sandy Durmaskin (by phone), Kara Falise, Bet MacArthur, and Naomi Pinson.

Alternate: Don Summerfield

Staff: Michael Muehe and Kate Thurman

Absent: Holly Aldrich, Avner Fink, JoAnn Haas, Nicole Horton-Stimpson, and Alissa Land.

Guests: Deputy Superintendent Jack Albert, Cambridge Police Department Liaison; and Nithya Prabhala, Inclusion Specialist.

Documents Used:

- Agenda for December 12, 2013 CCPD Meeting
- Minutes from November 14, 2014 CCPD Meeting

DHSP Inclusion Specialist's Update: Nithya Prabhala introduced herself as the new DHSP Inclusion Specialist, working with Nicole Horton-Stimpson on the Department's Inclusion Initiative. She reported working with 27 different out of school time (OST) programs, 12 Community Schools, the Youth Centers, and eight childcare programs. She works with kids who are on IEPs in school to determine their needs for OST programs, doing assessments and hiring extra staff as needed to provide support for children with disabilities.

Minutes:

A motion to approve the November 14, 2013 minutes was seconded and passed by the Commission.

Chair's Report: Miriam Cooper reported that she, Michael Muehe and Kate Thurman will be meeting with Deputy Superintendent Jack Albert to discuss the Police Department's service animal policy, as well as traffic gridlock problems.

Film Series Update: Bet MacArthur reported that Disability Reframed will be partnering with the ReelAbilities Film Festival for a screening in 2014. Kate Thurman said that the screening is currently scheduled for Tuesday evening, February 4 and will be of *Getting up: the Tempt One Story*, a documentary about a graffiti artist who gets ALS. Steve Saling and Patrick O'Brien, both of whom have ALS, will be joining us as guest speakers.

Kate Thurman reported needing volunteers to assist with publicity of Disability Reframed screenings by calling area hospitals and other entities that serve persons with disabilities to ask if they would like to receive film flyers and newsletters to post and give out to their clients.

Public Works Update: Kara Falise has been working with the electrical utility that installed an antenna with a slippery surface near a curb cut to remedy the problem. She also reported that DPW put some asphalt behind trees on DeWolfe Street to fill in areas where tree pits are missing. This is a temporary fix for the winter; the longer

term solution they're hoping for is Flexipave, which allows water to get through, so trees are not smothered. She said that DPW will not be installing anymore tree grates to existing tree pits.

Update on Sidewalk Obstruction Issues: JoAnn Haas reported sending an email out to neighborhood associations reminding them of the importance of maintaining sidewalk accessibility throughout the winter. She said that Robin Lapidus is adding an article to the Central Square Business Association's newsletter reminding people to shovel the curb by disability parking spaces.

Executive Director's Report: Michael Muehe reported that IBM Innovation Center is interested in collaborating with us. He also said that the City's 90% reimbursement for accessibility improvements for store fronts was announced, and that the City and Deputy City Managers have been invited to attend CCPD's March meeting.

Mr. Muehe reported that the Cambridge Arts Council has a new art exhibit called *Let the People Play*, with interactive features for children and adults, including an artistically designed ramp. There will be an opening reception on Monday, January 27 at 6pm in City Hall Annex, 344 Broadway.

He said that the met with two representatives of the Cambridge Brickwalk Conservancy, a recently formed group to restore brick sidewalks. This group is opposed to removing brick from Cambridge sidewalks and curb cuts.

He reported that the full installation of the new integrated pushbutton accessible pedestrian signals at Oxford and Everett Streets has been completed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm and was followed by a holiday potluck.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kate Thurman, Disability Project Coordinator