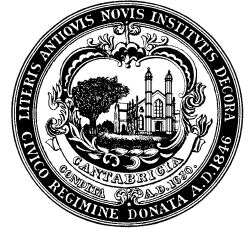


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Commission for Persons with Disabilities

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Joanna Berton Martinez
Seasonal Project Coordinator

Katie Ashwill
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 11, 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.

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| 1. Introductions | 2 min. | |
| 2. Approve Minutes for November 13 | 2 min. | |
| 3. Announcements | 1 min. | CCPD staff / board |
| 4. Chair's Report
<i>Update on Vacancy Applications</i> | 5 min. | Elizabeth Dean-Clower |
| 5. Police Community Liaison Update | 5 min. | Jack Albert |
| 6. Disability Reframed Film Series | 5 min. | Bet MacArthur |
| 7. Public Works Update | 5 min. | Debbie Cheng |
| 8. Update on Sidewalk Obstruction Issues | 5 min. | JoAnn Haas |
| 9. Update on PSAs | 5 min. | Joanna Berton Martinez |
| 10. Participatory Budget | 5 min. | Manisha Tibrewal |
| 11. Public Input | 2 min. | general public |
| 12. Old Business | 1 min. | |
| 13. 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

Minutes for Thursday, December 11, 2014

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

Meeting was called to order at 5:39pm

Present:

Members: Debbie Cheng, Elizabeth Dean-Clover, Sandy Durmaskin, Avner Fink, and Bet MacArthur.

Absent: Miriam Cooper, JoAnn Haas, Nicole Horton-Stimpson, and Naomi Pinson.

Alternate: Don Summerfield

Staff: Joanna Berton Martinez, Michael Muehe and Kate Thurman

Guests: Jack Albert, Police Community Liaison; Angela Pierre, Budget Department; and Manisha Tibrewal, Budget Department

Documents Used:

- Agenda for December 11, 2014 CCPD Meeting
- Minutes from November 13, 2014 CCPD Meeting
- Participatory Budgeting in Cambridge
- Flyer: City of Cambridge Participatory Budgeting
- City of Cambridge Participatory Budgeting: How Would You Use \$500,000 to Improve Cambridge?
- Flyer: Sign Up To Be a Budget Delegate!

Minutes:

A motion to approve the minutes for the November 13, 2014 meeting was seconded and passed.

Chair's Report: Elizabeth Dean-Clover reported that CCPD will not be pursuing the idea of changing the day of Commission meetings.

She said that CCPD has received seven applications for two Commission vacancies. Elizabeth Dean-Clover, Bet MacArthur and Sandy Durmaskin will be conducting interviews.

Police Community Liaison Update: Jack Albert reported the following on 2014 crash data:

- Overall crashes (involving vehicles, bicycles and/or pedestrians) are down 7% for January-November, as compared to other years
- Crashes involving bicycles are down 15.2%
- Crashes involving pedestrians are down 26%
- Overall serious injuries caused by accidents are down 7%

Film Series Update: Bet MacArthur reported that Disability Reframed will again be partnering with ReelAbilities Boston to screen a feature film, *Stand Clear of the Closing Doors*, on Tuesday, February 24, 2015.

Public Works Update: Debbie Cheng reported that the City's winter construction moratorium went into effect on November 26, so unless approved, no construction can be done on public ways.

Update on PSAs: Joanna Berton Martinez reported that she is working on a new PSA, “Don’t Run Red.” This PSA is a musical. There is an opportunity to do a BeLive show in April or May.

Executive Director’s Report: Michael Muehe said that an increasing number of privately-owned Cambridge apartment buildings have been applying for MAAB variances, a significant concern. By contrast, the Cambridge Housing Authority (CHA) has qualified for a new HUD initiative called Rental Assistance Development (RAD), which provides new financing through tax breaks for six selected housing authorities in the country to bring all of their housing buildings up to current standards, including accessibility rules and regulations. The CHA has 2100 housing units in Cambridge and plans to renovate Putnam Gardens first. They will be constructing at least four additional accessible two-bedroom units beyond what they would otherwise be required to provide. The Jackson State Development will be gaining two additional accessible units in each building.

Participatory Budget: Angela Pierre and Manisha Tibrewal of the City’s Budget Department reported that the City has set aside \$500,000 in the fiscal year 2016 for participatory budgeting, allowing City residents to submit project ideas for how they would like the funds to be used to benefit the public. Eligible projects are a one-time expenditure that benefit the public and are implemented by the City of Cambridge on public property, potentially including DCR property, such as street and sidewalk paving, a community garden, park renovations, etc. The City is currently in the idea collection phase. Ideas for use of the funds may be submitted up until December 19, and the Project Proposal Phase will follow, during which times submitted ideas will be fleshed out and projects written up. Cambridge residents will vote on projects and the winners will be funded. The Budget Department is seeking ideas from everyone, from children to seniors, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 6:22pm and was followed by a holiday potluck celebration.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kate Thurman, Disability Project Coordinator