

City of Cambridge

Commission for Persons with Disabilities

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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, April 9, 2015 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 may be audio recorded for the purpose of taking minutes.

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| 1. Introductions | 2 min. | |
| 2. Approval of March 19 Minutes (if available) | 5 min. | |
| 3. Announcements | 2 min. | CCPD staff / board |
| 4. Chair's Report | 10 min. | Elizabeth Dean-Clower |
| 5. Public Works Update | 10 min. | Debbie Cheng |
| 6. Update: Sidewalk Obstruction Issues | 10 min. | JoAnn Haas |
| 7. Disability Reframed Film Series | 5 min. | Bet MacArthur |
| 8. Other: PSA Update | 5 min. | Joanna Berton Martinez |
| 9. Other: | 5 min. | |
| 10. Public Input | 3 min. | General Public |
| 11. Old Business | 2 min. | |
| 12. New Business | 2 min. | |

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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 May 14, 2015

Cambridge Commission for Persons with Disabilities

Minutes for Thursday, April 9, 2015

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

Meeting was called to order at 5:46 pm

Present

Members: Elizabeth Dean-Clover, Bet MacArthur, Sandy Durmaskin, Debbie Cheng, JoAnn Haas, Jack Albert (Police Community Liaison)

Staff: Joanna Berton Martinez (Seasonal)

Guests: Daphne Fevrier; Community Coordinator for 'Just-A-Start' organization

Absent: Michael Muehe, Miriam Cooper, Avner Fink, Nicole Horton-Stimpson, Naomi Pinson

Documents Used

- Agenda for April 9, 2015 CCPD Meeting

Minutes

Minutes from the March 19 CCPD Meeting were not available at this meeting.

Chair's Report

Elizabeth Dean-Clover reported that Laura Brelsford won the Marie Fetlin Award from the Independent Living Center for helping make the MBTA more accessible. Nominations for Board Members will have to defer to May or June. Kathy Watkins will give the 5 Year Street and Sidewalk Plan at the June meeting.

The Chair expressed interest in looking to have guest speakers again in future meetings.

Film Series Update

Bet MacArthur reported the screening *Stand Clear of the Closing Doors* held Tuesday, February 24 at the Cambridge Main Library was a great success. The next film for Disability Reframed will be hosted by the Boston disability commission on May 13th at Boston University, *The Diving Bell and the Butterfly*.

Public Works Update

Debbie Cheng reported the "1/2 Million Dollars" project has been allocated including planting 100 trees, purchasing bilingual books, and putting a public bathroom in Central Square. To see the full list of awarded projects please visit the Cambridge City web page.

Police Community Liaison Update

Deputy Superintendent Jack Albert reported they were awarded a \$100,000 grant from the state of Massachusetts to sustain traffic enforcement; the Cambridge police will focus on pedestrian and cyclist safety.

Sidewalk Obstruction Issues Update

JoAnn Haas reported as she is one meeting from stepping down due to term limits, for the Board to consider new methods of communication and information sharing on this community issue.

Ms. Haas requested follow-up to officially post on the Traffic, Parking and Transportation website the revised ordinance regarding no bicycles permitted to be attached to Disability Parking sign poles.

PSA (Public Service Announcement) Update

Joanna Berton Martinez reported that Sandy Durmaskin will perform the voice over for the upcoming PSA, *Don't Run Red*. The PSA will be presented to the Board at the May meeting and will be available to tweet for May's Bicycle Safety Month. The PSA, *Not Even For a Minute*, was invited to enter the national Hometown Media Awards; the entry fee is \$75 but CCTV offered to pay half. Joanna will submit the paperwork and remainder of the fee by dead 4/18 deadline.

New Business:

Does CCPD want to start a Google Group? What are accessible forms of social media to keep our community informed?

Meeting adjourned at 7:12pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Joanna Berton Martinez, Seasonal Project Specialist