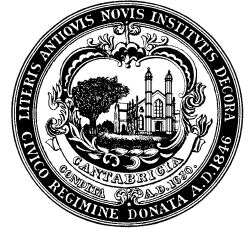


City of Cambridge

Commission for Persons with Disabilities

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Alicia Zeh-Dean

Chair

Valerie Hammond

Secretary

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, January 10, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Gary Dmytryk

Jerry Friedman

Stelios Gragoudas

Nicole Horton-Stimpson

Philibert Kongtcheu

Luis Loya

Julie Miller

PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ARRIVE BY 5:30 PM

AGENDA

Please turn OFF your cellphones before the meeting begins. Thank you.

NOTE: CCPD meetings may be audio recorded for the purpose of taking minutes.

Rachel Tanenhaus

Executive Director/

ADA Coordinator

Kate Thurman

Project Coordinator

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| 1. Introductions | 3 min. | |
| <i>If needed, alternates named</i> | | |
| 2. Approval of November 8 minutes | 2 min. | CCPD Board |
| 3. Announcements | 2 min. | CCPD staff / Board |
| 4. Chair's Report | 15 min. | Alicia Zeh-Dean |
| 5. Public Works Update | 10 min. | Jerry Friedman |
| 6. Project Coordinator's Report | 10 min. | Kate Thurman |
| 7. Public Input | 3 min. | general public |
| 8. Old Business | 2 min. | CCPD Board |
| 9. New Business | 2 min. | CCPD Board |

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The next CCPD meeting will be held on Thursday, February 14, 2019

Accepted 2/14/19

Cambridge Commission for Persons with Disabilities (CCPD)

Minutes for Thursday, January 10, 2019

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

Meeting was called to order at 5:36pm

Present

Members: Gary Dmytryk, Nicole Horton-Stimpson, Jerry Friedman, Valerie Hammond, Julie Miller (by phone), and Alicia Zeh-Dean

Absent: Stelios Gragoudas, Philibert Kongtcheu, and Luis Loya

Staff: Kate Thurman

Documents/Materials Used:

- Agenda
- Minutes from November 8, 2018 Meeting

Minutes:

A motion to accept the November 8 minutes was seconded and passed.

Chair's Report: Alicia Zeh-Dean reported:

- Discussed a draft of guidelines on how to best promote equal participation of all members in CCPD meetings. She will send it out as a Google doc so members can consider which guidelines they'd like to see and discuss at the February meeting.

Public Works Update: Jerry Friedman reported:

- The reconstruction design of River Street and Carl Barron Plaza is starting; there will be a public meeting on January 29. The design process will take about a year and there will be public meetings every 3-4 months.
- The Inman Square project is going to construction in a few weeks. It is a two-year project. The Community Development Department (CDD) is working in a business mitigation plan. Hampshire and Cambridge Streets will remain open throughout construction. Please report any accessibility issues during construction to DPW.
- DCR and Mass DOT are working on a bike path from Watertown to Fresh Pond. The City acquired the land for another extension of that to eventually take it to Danehy Park, but there is no funding for that phase yet. The path from Watertown to Fresh Pond will be done this summer.

Project Coordinator's Report: Kate Thurman reported:

- City departments are in the process of determining their fiscal year 2020 proposed budgets. CCPD is again requesting \$50,000 for capital ADA improvements. \$50,000 has been allocated for each of the last 21 years for this purpose and has been used for a variety of capital improvements, including ramping the Mayor's rostrum and replacing inaccessible fire call boxes around the City. There is currently a balance of around \$150,000, much of which has been allocated for universally designed playground equipment.
- The Commission's letter to Governor Baker regarding the hiring of a new Executive Director for the Massachusetts Office on Disability was sent earlier this week.

- The Disability Policy Consortium (DPC) has secured both a House and Senate sponsor for the AAB bill, which will bring the MA Architectural Access Board regulations in line with the ADA. Currently, employee-only areas are exempt from AAB regulations, although they are covered under the ADA.

New Business:

- Valerie presented the idea of participating in an advocacy day at the State House, possibly with other commissions on disability
- She also reported that NAMI has a two-hour presentation that is given by two people living with significant mental health issues

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kate Thurman