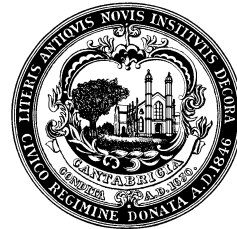


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Alicia Zeh-Dean

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, May 9, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Gary Dmytryk

Jerry Friedman

Stelios Gragoudas

Nicole Horton-Stimpson

Philibert Kongtcheu

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 | 2 min. | |
| <i>If needed, alternates named</i> | | |
| 2. Updates from Emergency Communications Department | 30 min. | Christina Giacobbe, Director |
| 3. Approval of April 11 Minutes | 2 min. | CCPD Board |
| 4. Announcements | 2 min. | CCPD staff / Board |
| 5. Chair's Report | 15 min. | Alicia Zeh-Dean |
| <i>Letter of Support for RiseUp</i> | | |
| <i>River Festival – Saturday, June 1</i> | | |
| 6. Public Works Update | 5 min. | Jerry Friedman |
| 7. Executive Director's Report | 10 min. | Rachel Tanenhaus |
| 8. Project Coordinator's Report | 5 min. | Kate Thurman |
| 9. Public Input | 3 min. | general public |
| 10. Old Business | 2 min. | CCPD Board |
| 11. New Business | 2 min. | CCPD Board |

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The next CCPD meeting will be held on Thursday, June 13, 2019

Approved 6/13/19

Cambridge Commission for Persons with Disabilities (CCPD)

Minutes for Thursday, May 9, 2019

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

Meeting was called to order at 5:35pm

Present

Members: Gary Dmytryk, Jerry Friedman, Stelios Gragoudas, Valerie Hammond, Philibert Kongtcheu, and Alicia Zeh-Dean

Absent: Nicole Horton-Stimpson, and Julie Miller

Staff: Rachel Tanenhaus and Kate Thurman

Guest Speakers: Christina Giacobbe, Director, Emergency Communications Department; and Faralene Rivera Joseph, Administrative Coordinator, Emergency Communications Department

Documents/Materials Used:

- Agenda
- Minutes from April 11, 2019 Meeting
- Emergency Communications presentation

Minutes:

A motion to accept the April minutes was seconded and passed.

Updates from Emergency Communications Department: Christina Giacobbe, Director

- Please see attached presentation

Chair's Report: Alicia Zeh-Dean reported

- A reminder that River Festival is on June 1 and is rain or shine. CCPD will be tabling again
- A letter of support for the RiseUp makerspace was drafted

Public Works Update: Jerry Friedman reported

- There will be a walk-through of River Street on Tuesday, May 14 beginning at 6:00 PM at Carl Barron Plaza to discuss street and sidewalk reconstruction and get feedback from community members
- There will be another walk on Thursday, June 11 to discuss landscape and urban design
- DCR is entering phase 3 of planning construction on Memorial Drive; they are looking at whether or not the number of lanes should be reduced; landscaping; and the sea wall along the river's edge

Executive Director's Report: Rachel Tanenhaus reported

- Rachel and Kate just returned from the first ever National Convening of Municipal Leaders Focused on People with Disabilities, which was hosted by the NYC Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities
 - This group of municipal leaders has a bi-monthly phone call
 - The emphasis was on financial empowerment of PWD, including financial literacy, benefits, housing, and employment
 - They discussed public transit, taxi systems, and regulating Uber and Lyft in NYC

- NYC is working on having 50% of cabs be accessible by the early 2020s
 - NYC is working with private businesses to develop employment training programs for PWD
 - They also publish an annual accessibility report
 - Digital accessibility and implementing that in municipal government was also discussed.
- Rachel is still planning on creating a spreadsheet for AAB variances
- She did a site visit to Orinoco, a restaurant in Harvard Square that is requesting a variance to remove their broken wheelchair lift without replacing it. CCPD is very concerned about the removal of accessible features.
- Rachel participated in the review of micro grant applications by the Cambridge Health Alliance on reducing isolation
- The Cambridge Public Health Dept. is conducting a citywide health needs assessment
- Rachel sits on the working group for the planned universally designed playground at Danehy Park. The designer is fantastic and designed the Menino Park in Charlestown
- The Main Library will be undergoing some renovation that will impact the area with the Braille embosser and accessible computers. Let Rachel know of any issues; she is working with them on it

Project Coordinator's Report: Kate Thurman reported:

- The Cambridge Public Health Dept. is holding a health forum for PWD on Monday, May 13 to get feedback on issues that affect their health.

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kate Thurman