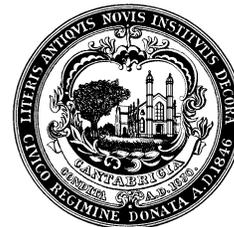


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**The next meeting of the Cambridge Commission for Persons with Disabilities
will be held online via Zoom on Thursday, October 13, 2022 at 5:30 PM**

PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO JOIN BY 5:30 PM

AGENDA

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| 1. Introductions
<i>If needed, alternates named</i> | 2 min. | |
| 2. Announcements | 2 min. | CCPD staff / Board |
| 3. Approval of July 14 Minutes | 2 min. | CCPD Board |
| 4. Update on Brattle St. Safety
Improvement Plan (& Bike Lanes) | 30 min. | Andreas Wolfe |
| 5. Discussion on Member Interests | 30 min. | CCPD Board |
| 6. Public Works Update | 5 min. | Jerry Friedman |
| 7. Executive Director's Report | 10 min. | Rachel Tanenhaus |
| 8. Old Business | 3 min. | CCPD staff / Board |
| 9. New Business | 3 min. | CCPD staff / Board |
| 10. Public Input | 3 min. | general public |

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(captions will not appear until the meeting has started)

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The next CCPD meeting will be held online on Thursday, November 10

Approved 11/10/2022

Cambridge Commission for Persons with Disabilities (CCPD)

Minutes for Thursday, October 13, 2022 CCPD Meeting

Online via Zoom

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm

Present:

Members: Avril dePagter, Mary Devlin, Gary Dmytryk, Jerry Friedman, Stelios Gragoudas, Nicole Horton-Stimpson, and Dan Stubbs

Absent: Loring Brinckerhoff, Valerie Hammond, and Phil Kongtcheu

Staff: Rachel Tanenhaus and Kate Thurman

Guest speakers: Andreas Wolfe, Department of Traffic, Parking + Transportation; and Deputy Superintendent John Boyle, Cambridge Police Department

Minutes:

The July 14, 2022 minutes were approved unanimously

Update on Brattle Street Safety Improvement Plan & Bike Lanes:

- Andreas Wolfe, Project Manager with the Department of Traffic, Parking & Transportation (TPT) presented on Brattle Street Plans, including the installation of separated bike lanes. See attached presentation for details.
- Separated 2-way bike lanes will be installed using pre-cast concrete curbs with flex posts according to the following schedule:
 - Fall 2022: Phase 1 – Mason Street to Sparks Street
 - Spring/Summer 2023: Phase 2 – Sparks Street to Mt. Auburn Street
- There were three public meetings held to discuss plans for phase 1, and the responses received were generally positive.
- Andreas reviewed the [Cycling Safety Ordinance](#), which was passed in 2019 and amended in 2020 by City Council. He also spoke about the [Cambridge Bicycle Plan](#).
- The desired outcomes of the Brattle Street project include increased use of bikes, pedestrian safety and traffic calming (speed reduction), updated crossing ramps, improved intersection at Brattle, Craigie, and Spark Streets, and a narrowed Craigie Street entrance.
- There will be reduced parking overall following the changes to Brattle Street, but TPT will be adding an accessible parking space on south side, as well as additional resident permit spaces west of Mercer Circle.
- The pre-cast concrete curbs will be embedded into the street and won't need to be replaced as often as the standard flex posts, although flex posts will also be added. TPT will assess the need for number of flex posts as the public gets used to the curbs; the posts tend to be useful for drivers to know where the bike lanes are. TPT will look into adding reflectors onto the curbs.

Discussion on Member Interests:

Update on appointing new Commission members

- Yi-An Huang, the new City Manager, started a few weeks ago and hasn't made any board or commission appointments yet. Additionally, the City Council is still developing their new process for approving

appointments. Rachel has sent a memo to Yi-An stressing the importance of naming members since we have had trouble meeting quorum.

Update on Member Retreat

- It was decided that CCPD should start planning the retreat and not hold off indefinitely until new members are appointed. Members need to work on updating the by-laws (that were deferred until we held the retreat). Rachel will inquire about scheduling a retreat.

Visibility

- Increasing CCPD visibility at community events will help residents know about us and what we can do to support them.

Communication

- Members expressed an interest in ramping up communications to residents about who they are and what the Commission can do to improve the lives of people with disabilities.

Intra-commission Relationships

- Members would like to develop relationships and cross-pollination with other commissions, especially those that have overlapping missions. The office staff already have relationships, but members seek more interaction between boards.

Community Forums

- Ideas for community forums included hosting events such as a film series, speakers' bureaus, social service providers' gathering, Zoom book club.

Update CCPD's Website

- Make the website more informative and inclusive, and easier to navigate. Kate is working with DHSP's Communications Manager and Web Master on developing a new, more accessible CCPD website.

Commission members will review this list of ideas and send Mary any additional input. Further specific discussion for each item will happen in subsequent meetings and at the retreat.

Public Works Update:

- Jerry reported that the winter moratorium on paving projects will go into effect later in the Fall, at which point private contractors are no longer permitted to do street or sidewalk paving until the end of winter.
- On October 25 there will be an in-person meeting at the Community Arts Center on Windsor St for The Port street design project.

Executive Director's Report

- Rachel reported that there are many job openings available with both the City and local disability providers.
- She said that the new City Manager, Yi-An Huang, has started and seems to be committed to issues of equity.
- Rachel was part of a public art tour at the universally designed playground and spoke about the accessibility aspects.
- She participated in a training about inclusive community engagement given by the Community Engagement Team, which does outreach to underserved communities.
- Rachel reported appearing in a video being created by the MA Department of Public Health and Institute for Human Centered Design on how to assess facilities on accessibility.
- She participated on a Cambridge and Somerville collaboration panel on non-visual ways of navigating city streets.

- Rachel has been working with employees who are requesting telework as a reasonable accommodation.
- She said that she has participated in discussions about the shutdown of the MBTA Orange and Green Lines, and is looking for feedback on how it is going for community members.
- Rachel reported that the Council on Aging has come to CCPD because personal care attendants and home health care providers are having difficulty parking when needing to provide care for older residents.
- She also reported attending the Register Educate Vote Use Your Power REVUP conference and moderated a panel on the voting rights of people with disabilities.

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Devlin, Secretary