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Minutes form Wednesday, June 8, 2011 Commission on
Disabilities Meeting
Levi Lincoln Chamber
4:00PM

Attendance:

Members: Rachel Brown, Grace Clark, Herbert Cremer, Deborah Malone, Davis Perry, Steve Stolberg,

Associate Member: Lynne Towler

Guest: Michael Kennedy

Staff: Christina Andreoli, Derek Brindisi, Dawn E. Clark

Minutes:

Action on the May 2011 minutes was deferred to the June meeting

Summer meeting Schedule:

The Commission agreed to meet in July and August due to extensive business.

Recruitment for Commission Members:

The Office on Disabilities is proactively recruiting new Commission members to fill vacancies prior to the Community Advisory meeting on June 29th. Letters are going out to clients and agencies. Christina will provide a copy of the letter to Commissioners.

Nomination of Commission Officers:

In July nomination for officers will take place. Members will be reminded by email/mail prior to the July meeting. Election will take place at the July Meeting.

Old Business and Updates:

1. Elections Updates

A report of the meeting with City Clerk, David Rushford and Josh Meduna was given.

The annual Warden and Clerk Training Sessions are scheduled for the following two dates to be held in the conference room at 25 Meade Street:

- Wednesday, August 31, 2011 from 10:00 AM to Noon
- Thursday, September 1, 2011 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Commissioners are encouraged to attend.

The following procedures for election days were agreed to by all parties:

- a.) Automark testing would be complete by 7 AM. Wardens will notify Police Officer (via radio system). Christina and Derek will work out logistics with Josh Meduna.
- b.) There will be a police-escorted liaison from Office of Disabilities to observe, visit each polling site, offer suggestions, correct problems, etc.
- c.) The Office will provide a greeting for all wardens, clerks. Rachel will draft. Derek will laminate for all greeters.

2. Anna Maria College Polling Location:

Because the ramp slope was slightly too steep in places, the Commission decided it was best to ask Commissioner Kelly of Worcester Building Commission to contact the Mass. Architectural Barriers Board to review the ramp for compliance. A date has not yet been set. Derek to follow-up

Snow Removal and Moratorium:

The Year 2 of the Mass In Motion grant the city received to pull together the parties for this project is complete. Common Pathways has agreed to carry on this project. An August meeting is being scheduled.

No action has been taken on the moratorium to date.

Construction Project Wish List:

Members and staff were asked to locate this list.

Bullying Project:

Herbert Cremer, liaison to the Human Rights Commission, reported on both local and state campaigns to stop bullying. Bullying occurs in school, but in the workplace also. Elders are often targets of bullying which generated great concern from the Commission. Herb was thanked by the chair for his report and encouraged to keep the Commission inform for actions needed by the Commission on Disabilities.

Emergency Preparedness Task Force for Elders and People with Disabilities:

The Task Force added a member of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community. A walk through of Worcester shelters is planned for access issues and compliance. Also personal preparedness checklists are being review. Herb Cremer has be instrumental in proving checklist information.

Transition Plan, Accessibility, and Access Board Issues:

ADA Transition Plan Work Group:

Department Self-Assessment reports are coning in slowly. The office will need to have individual conversations with those

responsible for completing the reports. The next meeting of the Work Group will be on August 2nd.

Dawn Clark informed the Commission she needed to resign as chairperson of the group as of June 30, 2011. The commission will need to appoint a new chairperson. Rachel asked if anyone on the Commission would be interested in taking the chairperson position for the ADA Work Group.

AAB Updates:

None were received this month.

Transportation and TPAG (Transportation Planning Advisory Group)

Herb Cremer provided TPAG with information on the impact of the aging "Baby Boomers" and the need for public Transportation.

Steve Stolberg will draft a functional needs assessment letter on behalf of the Commission.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dawn E. Clark
Secretary Pro-tem