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VIRTUAL MEETING – Tuesday November 17, 2020, 4:30pm

While live attendance at meetings is not possible during the Covid-19 crisis the Commission is committed to providing multiple avenues for public participation and input:

The meeting will be livestreamed from the City Website at www.worcesterma.gov/video-on-demand and may be broadcast on the local government cable channel (Spectrum Channel 192) if another meeting is not already in progress or will be in progress at this time.

To join the online meeting please go to:

<https://cow.webex.com/meet/accessibilityadvisorycommission>

ASL interpreters provided.

To call in to the meeting please call 415-655-0001 (Access code: 172 827 3207)

Conference line for submitting questions during meeting: 602-580-9417 (Access code: 388 2665)

For more information concerning this meeting or to **submit written comments or questions** in advance of the meeting, please contact the Human Rights & Accessibility Office by email at accessibility@worcesterma.gov

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Please note: all times listed below are approximate

1. Call to order, instructions for virtual meeting, introductions	4:30-4:40
2. Approval of October 20, 2020 minutes	4:40-4:45
3. Conversation with Commissioner D’Arcangelo, Massachusetts Commission for the Blind (MCB) regarding announced closure of the regional office at 390 Main St, Worcester, MA	4:45-6:15
4. White Cane Day Debrief (Elizabeth Myska)	6:15-6:25
5. Update from Commission work group to draft recommendations for the tactile map downtown (Elizabeth Myska, Jack Peacock)	6:25-6:35
6. Notice of Election of Officers December 15, 2020	6:35-6:40
7. Notice of sidewalk snow and ice removal ordinance and public information and preparedness: http://www.worcesterma.gov/streets/winter-weather Seniors and persons with disabilities can call the Customer Service Center at 508-929-1300 for a list of agencies and phone numbers that may be able to assist in snow removal.	6:40-6:45
8. Review of AAB notices and applications: No City properties <u>Notice of Action:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stamp Factory Lofts, 128 Chandler St (V20-149) 	6:45-6:45
9. Suggestions for upcoming agenda items	6:45-7:00
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10. Announcements:

- **REDD (Rights, Equality and Dignity for the Disabled)**
December 1, 2020, 4:00 – 5:30pm, Contact: jbellil@yahoo.com
- **Mayor’s Mental Health Taskforce Working Group**
November 18, 2020, 10am-11am. Contact: Kelsey Hopkins
hopkinsk@worcesterma.gov
- **Next Accessibility Advisory Commission virtual meeting:**
December 15, 2020, 4:30pm
- **WRTA Transportation Planning Advisory Meeting**
December 16, 2020, 1-2:30pm, Contact: CMellis@cmrpc.org
- **Emergency Preparedness Meeting:** TBD

Emergency Preparedness Tip:

- Pack an emergency “Go Pack” with essential life-saving items such as medications and store several gallons of water/person at home Click here for a list of items and other helpful tips:
<https://www.ready.gov/>

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