



Commission on Disabilities

Minutes

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

10 am

Virtual Meeting

Zoom link :

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Present:

Full Members: Joan Burrows, Franny Osman (Chair), Lisa Franklin, Leslie Johnson, Peshasha Kokis

Board of Selectman Liaison: Jim Snyder-Grant

Other: Other COD volunteers and residents

1. Opening

Franny opened the meeting at 10:00 am

2. Business

—Announcements

Frank Ramsbottom has left (Building Inspector).

Jim Snyder-Grant remaining our Select Board liaison.

Anyone should send ideas to the Select Board for goals as their meeting to set their goals is upcoming.

Patio doors being replaced at Windsor Green.

Adaptive bikes for NARA Park are not yet in.

High school volunteers' activities: Olivia working at Carol Heubner school, reading stories. Another volunteer, Katarina, has joined.

—**Reviewed Minutes** of June 15, 2021. Lisa moved to approve, Peshasha seconded, all in favor, 5-0.

—**Transportation updates:** Awaiting implementation of taxi grant (\$30k), Lyft program, re-introduction of CAT and Rail Shuttle. There is no ride to Alewife but it is needed.

—**Zoom vs. in person meetings:** The consensus was that in bad weather or if one is not feeling well, they can attend via Zoom. All rooms in Town Hall are set up for use of

Zoom. Lisa makes motion to meet in person in August, Pesha seconds. COD votes in favor, 5-0.

—**Report on Housing and Climate Coalition Kickoff July 17 at NARA Park:** Event for renters and apartment dwellers was a big success. Southern Middlesex Opportunity Council was there as well as other organizations. Related committees are forming out of this kickoff event.

—**Oktoberfest:** Saturday, September 25. We will have volunteers at a table with handouts. We need to check our supplies, check path to our site is fully accessible. Pesha made a motion we spend up to \$300 on supplies for the event. Joan seconds. COD votes 5-0 in favor. Lisa will check on table and accessibility. Leslie and Franny will prepare handouts before the event. Joan will see if the student volunteers will do a brief skit with the Kids on the Block puppets.

3. **Adjournment**

At approximately 12 noon, it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously by roll-call vote.

Minutes taken by Ms. Burrows, edited by Ms. Osman.

Acronyms:

CODA Commission on Disabilities Association (Mass.)

COA Acton Council on Aging

TAC Acton Transportation Advisory Committee

SMOC Southern Middlesex Opportunity Council, Inc.

Approved at August 2021 meeting