

Sudbury Commission on Disability

Minutes of meeting, Tuesday, November 18, 2008; 7:00 PM, Sudbury Senior Center

Present: Chair David Mortimer, Kris Kiesel, Peter Sargent, Susan Stocker, and Carol Stoner

Absent: Lotte Diomede, Ben Halsband, Anita Simon

Next meeting	Tuesday, January 6, 2009, 7:00 PM, Sudbury Senior Center, 40 Fairbank Road
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Issue	Discussion	Decisions/Questions	Next Steps
Minutes	Minutes of the Tuesday, October 28, 2008 meeting were approved as submitted.		
Old Business			
Parking	Maureen Valente has approved the expenditure of funds from the Commission's account for the parking enforcement detail. An e-mail from Wayne Walker noted that the Commission's plan will work, and that Chief Fadgen will post the opening for a detail officer immediately. Wayne also reports that the Chief does not think his men will need training for this detail.	The Commission would like to know: which officer(s) will be working on our detail, and how many tickets were written after the first weekend (possibly this coming Friday and Saturday, Nov. 21 and 22).	Kris will check with Wayne Walker next week to find out if indeed the detail was staffed, and if so, what was the result.
Haskell Field Update	Dave met with Jody Kablack and Bill Place to talk about the sidewalk and drainage issues regarding the walking loop. Bill indicated that he plans to repave the walks along Fairbank Road, Hudson Road, and the piece of the loop inside Haskell Field in the spring.	Many details of the playground plans are unclear, especially since there is not currently a Director of Parks and recreation with whom to work.	There will be a meeting Thursday, November 20, with Wayne Walker, Bill Place, Dave, Lotte, and possibly some others to determine the direction and next steps for the Boundless Playground grant.
Snow removal	Dave met with Bill Place regarding snow removal issues along Route 20	The crossing light at Longfellow has several problems: it is not auditory,	Jody Kablack will get Dave a list of abutters and their addresses.

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	<p>between Longfellow Glen and Shaw's. This issue is complicated by the fact that Route 20 is a state road and under the jurisdiction of the state highway department, so Town laws do not apply. Bill thought it would be helpful for the Commission to send a letter to all abutters asking them not to block the plowed sidewalk when they clear their driveways.</p>	<p>so a person with vision impairment does not know the light has turned red; sight lines for drivers are not good, so one car stopped at the light may be in danger of being rear-ended by another car; and signs warning of a red light ahead may not exist or may not be in working order. The crosswalk from Raytheon to Shaws is not well marked.</p>	<p>The Commission will write a letter as Bill suggested. Dave will meet with the resident of Longfellow Glen to test the red light warning signs. We will need to ask the state for help in making the traffic light auditory.</p>
Walkways	<p>Maureen has not decided whether the Commission can use funds to assist the walkway survey. Bill Place notes that there are 40 miles of walkways in Town, so that will be a big job. However, with regard to walkways meeting private drives, it is now the policy of the Town to pave those sections continuously.</p>	<p>Dave asked Bill to trim back bushes along the walkways so they are not hitting pedestrians, especially those who cannot see.</p>	<p>The walkway survey will most likely not begin until warmer weather.</p>
Survey of the population of people with disabilities in Sudbury	<p>The Committee has not met, but will plan, post and hold a meeting before the next Commission meeting.</p>		
Sudbury ADA Self-Assessment and Transition Plan	<p>This initiative will be brought before the CIPC (Capital Improvement Project Committee) for discussion to be included in the warrant for the spring 2009 Town Meeting. Maureen wants to see what the recommendation of the Committee will be before she authorizes the use of Commission</p>	<p>No work on this plan can begin before FY10 (July 09) even if it is approved by Town Meeting.</p>	

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	funds to help pay for the ADA plan.		
New Business			
Is the Commission taking on too many projects this year?	Livable Communities is a huge project, and a concern is that if the Commission advocates for too many projects at once, our influence will be lessened or our efforts will be too diluted. Sudbury has a Fair Housing plan which incorporates some of the ideas of a livable community, but does the planning leadership buy into the larger concept?	Can the livable communities' initiative be divided into phases? Housing is just one phase of an overall plan that includes transportation, walkways, civic engagement, and more. We need to know community statistics to help make a case for the need for such initiatives.	We will discuss Commission initiatives for 2009 at the next meeting to be sure our task load is appropriate.
Press release	Susan has written a press release just reminding people not to park in handicap spaces (not mentioning the parking detail).	Is Susan's publicity distribution list current?	Susan will show the release to Dave and will put it out. She will send her list to Kris for any needed updates.
Next meeting	The next meetings will be Tuesdays, January 6 and January 27 at 7:00 in the Sudbury Senior Center.		

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