



City of New Bedford Commission for Citizens with Disabilities

Minutes Commission for Citizens with Disabilities February 8, 2017

Members Present

Jaunna Adesso
Josh Amaral
Martha Bouchard
Linda Carreiro
Dennis DeMarinis
Marsha Fernandes
Brooke Miller via phone

Others in Attendance

Scott Downing, Traffic
Debra Lee, ADA Coordinator
Councillor Steve Martins
BG Shanklin, Architect
Maria Tomasia, Elections
Cynthia Wallquist, Exec. Dir

Absent

Pam Cole

Excused

Kim Bettencourt

Dennis DeMarinis, Chair, called the meeting to order @ 6:30PM and welcomed the newest Commission member, Linda Carreiro.

Minutes

Martha Bouchard moved to accept the November 9, 2016 meeting minutes; seconded by Jaunna Adesso. Motion carried.

Guest Presenter

Maria Tomasia and the members revisited the issues regarding Fire Station #5 as a polling place. Everyone was in agreement that it is a terrible location and recommended going back to Our Lady of Fatima. There are also issues at two sites: Senhor da Padra and Kennedy/CYO (needs a ramp). She is retiring March 4, but will make the recommendation to relocate from the fire station before she leaves.

ADA Coordinator

Deb Lee spoke about the replacement service for TTYs and briefed the members on sidewalks/curb cuts.

Executive Director's Report (see above)

Announcements

Dennis reminded everyone that the next meeting will be March 8 @ 6:30 PM.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Josh and seconded by Marsha. The meeting was adjourned at 8 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marsha J. Bouchard". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the "Respectfully submitted," text.

Acting Secretary



City of New Bedford Commission for Citizens with Disabilities

Minutes Commission for Citizens with Disabilities April 12, 2017

Members Present

Josh Amaral
Martha Bouchard
Pam Cole
Dennis DeMarinis
Brooke Miller (remote)

Absent

Jaunna Adesso
Kim Bettencourt

Others in Attendance

Zeb Arruda, DPI
Mary Ellen DeFrias, SRTA
Deb Lee, ADA Coordinator
BG Shanklin, Architect
Cynthia Wallquist, Exec. Dir.

Excused

Linda Carreiro
Marsha Fernandes

Dennis DeMarinis, Chair, called the meeting to order @ 6:35 PM.

Minutes

Martha Bouchard moved to accept the February 8, 2017 meeting minutes; seconded by Josh Amaral. Motion carried.

Guest Presentations

Zeb Arruda, DPI Commissioner

- Commissioner Arruda spoke about projects that are in the works: Route 18 from Walnut St. south to Cove Rd; traffic signal @ Gomes School, Coggeshall St. from Mitchell to Purchase St; Hathaway Rd.- Nauset St.
- BG Shanklin spoke about the new parking standards that will go into effect; i.e. 1 designated handicapped parking space will be required per block. That reg. will affect redevelopment on the lower end of Union St.
- There was discussion about the north end of the Harbor Walk and how it could be accessible.
- Curb cuts at the Veterans Transition House were discussed; Zeb will follow up with Manny Silva.

Mary Ellen DeFrias, SRTA Grant Manager

Ms. DeFrias reviewed the March 14, 2017 correspondence (copy attached) sent to the Commission relative to the SRTA Garage elevator that has been out of service for an extended period of time. Per Ms. DeFrias, the garage is privately owned and operated. The bids to repair the elevator came back much too high (\$600,000) so the project has to be re-bid again.