

## City of Fitchburg Disability Commission Meeting

Date	February 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2017
Location	Library Garden Room

Commission Members:

Name	Present	Absent	Remote
Jeffrey Wolfgang	X		
Bill Tolos	X		
Mary Ann Guichard	X		
Sheela Tallamraju	X		
Sharon Tardiff	X		
Carolyn Quirk	X		
Kathy Hamelin	X		
Nick Carbone	X		
Doris Matte	X		

Guests: Amy LeBlanc & Deanna Tardiff attended as guests of the Disability Commission.

**Item 1:** Meeting commenced at 10:00 a.m. Motion passes to accept the meeting minutes for January 2017 as amended.

Announcements/Notices/Events: Kathleen Dennen - Vision Support Group- invite to March Group-03/13/2017- 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM. 5 Pond Street- Leominster. Please contact Amy for more details.

Nick & Carolyn from the Commission will do a PSA on Discussing Fitchburg Now - 02/22/2017 at FATV for the art show.

Saturday-03/04/2017 - Art Show- 1:30-3:30 PM. From 1:30pm - 3:30pm Accessible Art Project at the Arc of Opportunity.

Mayor- State of the City Address at 5PM- 02/08/2017 -Fitchburg High School Auditorium.

Leominster Disability Commission hosting C.A.M training in May of 2017- Date TBA.

**Item 2:** Trails Vision Group: Amy presented Trails Vision Group-6:30-8:00 PM- Public Meeting 03/08/2017 - Input from the Disability Commission is welcome, The Group will develop a document providing information shortly.

**Item 3:** Disability Awareness Event: Discussion of keeping events separate with the fall resource fair. The commission has voted unanimously to keep the disability awareness fair separate from the resource fair being held in September of every year. The Disability Awareness Event will be held every year in April.

Gardner Disability Commission will be attending our awareness event.

Discussed access to reserve parking across from entrance of the senior center for people who need help and on wheel chairs that will attend the disability awareness event- as the senior center is a location that is being discussed to host the event.

Nick is working on Facebook page for the Fitchburg Disability commission and the Disability awareness event.

**Item 4:** Curb Cuts - Jeff to contact DPW

**Item 5:** Housing /Wallace Towers: Peter Proulx, Executive Director and Benjamin Gold, Assistant Executive Director of the Housing Authority talked to residents of Wallace Towers and put notices to residents about the issue, concerns about the scaffolding. They cleaned up the snow tape. The Commission will wait to discuss the repairs in February by them in our March Meeting.

**Item 6:** Education/ Subcommittee /Disability Awareness Event- continue to work on a pre-planning meeting for the Disability Awareness event. This meeting is being held on a monthly basis in the library.

**Item 7:** Accessible Playgrounds and Equipment: Kathy reviewed signage at Coggshall (restroom accessibility). It has been corrected- we are half way there. Kathy will pursue this issue further.

**Item 8:** Accesible Art Project: Grant has been approved for the accessible art project. Planning will begin shortly.

Nick is helping to advertise of this event.

March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - The Disability Commission is hosting an accessible art project - and these projects will be showcased at our city wide disability awareness event in April of 2017

**Item 9:** Issues of Compliance in Downtown Fitchburg: None to Report.

**Item 10:** Snow Removal: Bill spoke of snow removal in accessible parking spots across from library.

Nick will work with FSU Alumni for snow removal in the city.

**Item 11:** Old Business: Discussion on keeping the Disability Awareness event separate from the resource fair being held in September.

Workers Credit Union needs follow-up

Mr. Tolos reported that snow had been plowed into the HP spaces in the lot across the street from the children's library. The commission will look into ownership and who we speak to -to ensure this does not continue.

**Item 12:** New Business: None to Report

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for March 8<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Location - Ethnic Heritage Room - Fitchburg Public Library.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bill Tolos. The meeting ended at 11:11 AM.