

Billerica Commission on Disability

Thursday March 20, 2025

6:00 PM

VIA Zoom

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Meeting ID: 871 8877 3476

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DRAFT MINUTES:

Attendance:

Members:

Maria
ART
JASON

Absent:

Dina
Darlene
Lauren

Excused:

Jacqueline

Guests:

Sgt McKenna
Ella Harris
Andrew Jennings

START: - informal session 18:15 no quorum

- 1. Announcements: - None**
- 2. Open mic – None**
- 3. Preliminary Business:**
 - a. Approval of Minutes – January 2025 - skip**
 - b. Approval of Minutes – February 2025 skip**
 - c. Treasurer Report**
 - i. End of Feb balance 21,640.15**
 - ii. rcvd note from treas. 3/11, parking ticket payment \$325**
- 4. Unfinished Business:**
 - a. Greater Lowell Health Alliance Focus Group – intro from Ella Harris**

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CLERK OF COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

- i. Collecting opinions for Community Health Needs Assessment – done every three years by law. Collecting info about health needs of communities served by Lowell General Hospital
 - ii. \$25 Market Basket card, 6-10 participants ideal, can do fewer, 60-90 minutes.
 - iii. Will send email w/ details – Community Survey online. Also try to schedule time slot for us to do focus group.
 - iv. GLHA is branch of Lowell General Hosp.
 - v. EH left 18:25 after presenting.
- b. Scholarship Foundation Donation Update:
 - i. None- Darlene absent
 - ii. Jason will work on criteria
 - iii. To late to do anything this year, want to have something in place for next year
 - iv. Suggestion of two awards, one for student w/ disability, one for student wanting to major in Disability Service field.
- c. Need input for upcoming contracts and 5-year plan. - Continuing items:
 - i. COA bus services for disability as well as elderly – update
 - 1. No COA specific update
 - 2. It is free service under grant, like fixed route and Road Runner
 - 3. COA bus for town-wide svc, not fixed route.
 - 4. Maria will call about using and report on her results.
 - ii. Needs Assessment request – update
 - 1. consultant hired – public input should start soon, no details yet
- d. Kohlrausch park update – no update cont. question about whether all has been reviewed for ADA, - No update
- e. COA and Library Parking – no change
- f. HC Parking for O'Connor's Plaza and Town Center businesses – Discussion and possible vote – no update
- g. Boston Rd. Construction Update - Construction ongoing
- h. North Billerica/Treble Cove ADA Compliance Concerns:
 - i. Missing sidewalk between Precision Tune and the Harley shop
 - ii. St. Anne's – sidewalk
 - iii. Pedestrian safety concerns.
 - 1. Need to ask about intersection in light of fire station – ask Fred Russel DPW head about the plans for this.
 - 2. Andrew will get me contact info.
- i. MA Commissions Survey – Results – Lauren
 - i. No update Lauren absent
- j. Yankee Doodle Sensory Space

- i. no update
- k. Disability Meet and Greet – Maria
 - i. post message on FB to ask about interest?
 - ii. If yes, Possibly @ St. Anne's? (plan later if needed)
- l. Farmer's Market – Maria
 - i. Probably not do, as not worth it – remove from agenda
- m. 2025 Billerica Family Health and Safety Fair Vendor and Sponsor Application
 - i. April 12, 2025, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM (setup 8:30-9:30)
 - ii. Table- Resource info discussion
 - iii. Brochure
 - iv. Reach out to MCOD (subsequent emails w/ MCOD they are sending brochures)
 - 1. Jason will lead on setup
 - 2. Maria will do flier – reimburse for printing
 - 3. Need fliers, banner, MCOD brochures
- n. "Vulnerable Road Users Systemic Safety near Bus Stops Project" Discussion
 - i. didn't get anything in Billerica, so take off agenda for now
- o. Website Update
 - i. Phone - Now Town Mgr. Office – give script card on how to handle calls... Give email and FB contacts, if need phone call send me email with their phone number and I will call...
- p. Kennedy Meadows
 - i. reached out to MOD, got phone call w/ suggestions, have made text and sent to Sgt. McKenna and Mark L, need to communicate w/ KM management about implementing.
- 5. New Business - none
- 6. Adjourn – 19:30

