

GREENFIELD COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ACCESS (CDA)

**Jon Zon Community Center, 35 Pleasant St.**

Minutes of Thursday, July 11, 2019

**\*\*\*1:00 p.m.\*\*\***

**Members present:**

Cynthia Dodge, Alternate Chair  
Virginia DeSorgher  
Douglas Mayo

**Members absent:**

Lynne Kelley, Chair  
Margo Campbell

**Also present:**

MJ Adams, Acting ADA Coordinator for the City of Greenfield  
Robin Fordham, Grant Program Assistant for the Community & Economic  
Development Department

Ms. Dodge called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:**

June 13, 2019 minutes – Ms. DeSorgher moved to accept the minutes. Mr. Mayo seconded. Minutes approved 3-0.

May 9, 2019 minutes - Request to correct amount of Greenfield Cinema fine listed in minutes. Ms. DeSorgher moved to accept correction, Mr. Mayo seconded. May 9<sup>th</sup> minutes approved as amended 3-0.

**Treasurer's Report:**

In the absence of Ms. Campbell, Ms. DeSorgher moved to table the Treasurer's report until the next meeting. Mr. Mayo seconded, approved 3-0.

**Open Issues:**

**Franklin County Bar Association update (FCBA)**

General discussion of suggestion by Mr. Ben Simanski of the FCBA of the film *Still Alice* (with theme of dementia) as the first in a possible series of CDA sponsored film showings/public discussion sessions, in collaboration

with the FCBA. Ms. Dodge suggested a making a series of showings. Ms. Adams noted that the Cultural Council was interested in co-sponsoring such an event, suggested goal of one showing done this fall. Ms. Dodge suggests that CDA funds be used to purchase disability themed movies to be available at the senior center for general viewing. Mr. Mayo suggested that show times be accessible for caregivers. Suggestions were made for a day and evening showing. Ms. Dodge said she would follow with Mr. Simanski from the FCBA.

### **ADA Self-Evaluation and Title II transition plan**

Ms. Adams reported that the Massachusetts Office on Disability (MOD) request for grant applications would be out in August, with a submission deadline of 10/1/19. She requested the CDA members come prepared to August meeting ready to set priorities for CDA recommendations. She noted the Mayor will talk with other dept. Heads for their priorities as well. Ms. DeSorgher suggested everyone review the Self-Evaluation plan before the next meeting in order to be ready to prioritize.

### **Status of Garden Cinema**

Ms. Adams reported that an extension had been granted by the AAB until January 2020. Mr. Gohl must report to them on progress monthly. She is working with Mr. Gohl to get bids, once costs available, there will be about 40k avail in CDBG, however that might not be sufficient. She is working constructively with him, will put a deadline on getting other pricing, and then move forward. Part of the requirement by the City for CDBG funds will be to fix the roof. Mr. Mayo asked if money was available for the roof repair. Ms. Adams said Mr. Gohl is working with the bank, and it appears possible.

### **Remote access status**

Ms. Fordham report that the Senior Center director Hope Macary has approved a phone plug for the room Ms. Fordham will submit a request to IT, and will follow up with cost of conference phone. Ms. DeSorgher moved to table further discussion about other remote access possibilities until next meeting, Mr. Mayo seconded. Approved 3-0

## **Franklin County Regional Transit (FRTA)**

Ms. DeSorgher announced that two separate sessions to provide feedback on the FRTA transportation plan will be held the 16th at the Olver Center, and that she will attend noon meeting, and give input. Discussion on demand response services, disability census, seatbelt policy in regard to disability (ie. colostomy bag), awareness training for drivers around “respect” policy, taking behavioral disabilities into account.

## **Pleasant Street apartments**

Ms. DeSorgher asked Ms. Adams to check on the status of project. In email to Ms. DeSorgher, Jeff Dugan of MOD thought the building either required remedy or needed to apply for a variance. Ms. DeSorgher forwarded the email to Eric Twarog (Planning) and Mark Snow (Building Inspector) but hadn't had response. Ms. Adams will check in with Mark Snow about this project and needing review process for future properties. Ms. Adams will discuss waiver/variance process with Pleasant Street property owner. In regard to corner property on Pleasant and Davis St., (132 Davis), Ms. DeSorgher had talked with Jeff Dugan, and determined property did not meet criteria for accessibility.

## **Ms. DeCellato driveway request**

Ms. Fordham reported that several attempts had been made to contact Ms. DeCellato, including phone calls and a letter offering a meeting to discuss her complaint. Ms. DeCellato had not replied, will respond if/when she makes contact.

## **New Business**

Ms. DeSorgher asked if absentee ballots for local elections were only available a day before. Ms. Adams said she would be in touch with Clerk's office to get answer.

## **Announcements**

Ms. Adams reminded the group that she will be away for next meeting, and to set priorities for MOD grant.

## **Next meeting:**

1:00 p.m. on August 8, 2019, at the John Zon Community Center, 35 Pleasant Street

**Adjournment**

Ms. DeSorgher moved that the meeting be adjourned, and Mr. Mayo seconded the motion. The vote to adjourn was 3-0. The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.