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Disabilities Committee 4:00 PM Tuesday, February 8, 2022

Because of Covid-19, this was a virtual meeting:

Jeremy Macomber-Dubs, Chair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Councilor Marianne LaBarge <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Wayne Feiden, staff <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Emma Cornwell, Vice Chair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kathy Murri <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Linda Kakos <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Clare Marilyn <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Rodney Kunath <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Michael Morton <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

1. Public Comment-- Sarah Nechamey presented the worked of the Disabled Persons Protection Committee
2. Unanimously approved December 14, 2021 minutes (motion by Councilor Marianne LaBarge, second by Jeremy Macomber-Dubs), by roll call vote.
3. Rocky Hill Greenway accessible trail: Feiden presented the sopft surface universal accessible trail project (with a slide deck) and asked the Commission for feedback on details and input for setting top priorities as more more length, easier maintenance, or a shorter distance with more features. Meg Bandarra suggested the trail should have as many features as needed to serve all populations and the city should just insist on more maintenance and construction resources. The commission was very supportive of the project and the process.
4. CDBG 2022 accessibility projects: Feiden presented the draft MA-FY23 CDBG program elements that include accessibility- Ryan Road School playground, Forbes Library bathroom access, completion of Hampshire Heights Playground, completion of NHA ramps and access. The commission was supportive of that program.
5. Update on other 2022 accessibility projects: Feiden presented on current projects already under contract that are moving forward, many that had commission recommendations earlier in the process. Florence Center ramps, Bridge Road PVTa stop, Pleasant Street sidewalks, Mt Tom Road sidewalks, King Street road diet and sidewalks, Damon Road and Damon/King St intersection, Parsons Street/Hawley Street, City Hall directory signs. Commission members gave positive feedback on all the projects.
6. Adjourn- upon motion by Michael Morton and second by Jeremy Macomber-Dubs, the commission adjourned at 5:05 PM.

