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Disability Commission Minutes Tuesday May 11, 2021 4:00 PM

Zoom Meeting

Members

Jeremy Macomber-Dubs, Chair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Councilor Marianne LaBarge <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Keith Benoit, Staff <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Emma Cornwell, Vice Chair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gene Page <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Doug Renick, Scribe <input type="checkbox"/>
Linda Kakos <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Clare Marilyn <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kathy Murri <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Rodney Kunath <input type="checkbox"/>	Michael Morton <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

1. Notice that the meeting is being recorded and that closed captioning is available.
2. No public comments were given.
3. The Commission approved unanimously upon motion by Councilor Marianne LaBarge and second by Marilyn Clare the minutes from April 13, 2021.
4. Conversation with ADA Coordinator on Accessible Outdoor Dining. Made suggestions on how to make the updates that Keith Benoit made better, had questions regarding the distribution. Jeremy moved to accept the updates with caveat to add accessible route for non-dining pedestrians, seconded by Councilor LaBarge and passed unanimously.
5. Marilyn Clare asked some questions about mask wearing and the ADA. Conversation ensued regarding concerns with mask wearing. Commission shared some information from the ADA website regarding the issue.
6. Conversation regarding sidewalk conditions in Northampton (Bedford Terrace and Florence Heights in Florence in particular), how to address to the City as a commission.
7. Councilor LaBarge asked what month the Commission wanted to take off. Will discuss at the next meeting.
8. Next Actions for Staff Keith Benoit



- Print off finished copies for Councilor LaBarge
 - Ask Annie Lesko how to distribute once it approved
 - Add accessible path on the sidewalk, despite having dining in new accessible outdoor dining regulations
 - Send letter to Councilor LaBarge for City Council of new changes
 - Check if there is wheelchair crossing signage that exist where there is no sidewalk
9. Adjourn at 5:03 PM unanimously upon motion by Councilor LaBarge and second by Emma Cornwell.