

April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Fitchburg Disability Commission Monthly Meeting  
In-Person Meeting@ 1:30pm.

Commission Members:

Bill Tolos, Chair	Present	
Marshal Haneisen	Present	
Dan Cunningham		Absent
Sharon Tardiff		Absent
Doris Matte	Present	
Carolyn Quirk	Present	
Deanna Tardiff		Absent

Amy LeBlanc, Barbara Slattery and Rodney Conrad attended the Fitchburg Disability Commission Meeting.

**Item 1: Reading of the Minutes** Meeting commenced at 1:30pm.

**Item 2: Announcements/Notices/Events:** Ribbon Cutting Event at the Sam Pawlak Inclusive Playground, Thursday, May 12, 2022 @3:30pm at Parkhill Park, Pratt Road Entrance. Join us for a ribbon cutting at Fitchburg's newly improved Parkhill Park Playground!

**Item 3: Open Forum:** Open Space and Recreation Plan Stakeholder Input Session: April 28th 12:00-1:30 @ Fitchburg City Hall (3rd floor).

**Item 4: Marshal Haneisen:** Gave a presentation on Community Mapping. Everyone was given a package to review and to come back to the next meeting with their ideas/thoughts on how to gather information and resources related to the community and how to present the information so everyone can have access to it.

**Item 5: Update and discussion of new vestibule at 655 Main St., ADA Requirements:**

Bill Lorigan from Lorigan Architects presented design plans with ADA requirements for the vestibule of Dario's Restaurant that will be located at 655 Main Street. Update: Additional correspondence needed to recommend plans.

**UPDATE: Approved.**

**Item 6: Update and discussion for relief for requirements of 2<sup>nd</sup> handrail for Clarendon and Fairmount St., Apartments.** Mark Dohan from Newvue came to discuss the renovations at 128 Fairmount St., 42 Clarendon St., and 105 Plymouth St., in Fitchburg. It was decided that the Disability Commission would do a site visit on the following Tuesday, at 10:00am, February 15<sup>th</sup>. members were encouraged to attend and meet at 128 Fairmount St., to view the Staircases, 1<sup>st</sup> floor accessible apartments and the parking lot.

**Update:** The site visit was conducted and it was determined that the width of the staircase is too narrow to support the 2<sup>nd</sup> handrail, commission to submit letter to recommend the variance be approved without the 2<sup>nd</sup> handrail.

**UPDATE: Approved.**

**Item 7: Accessible Art Project:** Monthly classes are being held at the ARC of Opportunity, and the Senior Center, classes are limited to ten people, due to COVID 19. Working on putting together an Art Exhibit for all the classes to showcase their works. Looking to hold the Art Show sometime in September 2022 at the Fitchburg Senior Center more to follow.

**Item 8: Crosswalk across Electric Ave., at Old Deerfield Road:** Complaint received that there is no curb cut and the crosswalk that is located there is very faded and needs to be repainted. Site visit will be performed to determine what needs to be done. **DPW to be contacted. Crosswalk needs to be re-painted and curb cut added. Waiting for confirmation that this issue has been addressed and is being repaired.**

**Item 9: Update – Mask requirement at Fitchburg Library:** Mask requirement has been lifted.

**Item 10: Old Business:**

- a. Membership: *Ongoing.*
- b. Received complaint: Crosswalk at Main and Mechanic not working, there is no chirping sound, this issue needs to be addressed. **Waiting for confirmation that this issue has been addressed and is being repaired.**
- c. **Community Access Training:** The Commission discussed holding the Community Access Training in Fitchburg for all members to attend and also Commissioners in surrounding towns/Cities. The Commission went and looked at possible sites that could be used for holding the Community Access Training Course. The Disability Commission would like to host this event in the upcoming future.  
**Update: CAM Training will be held virtually for the next several months.**  
Cam Training – June Host: Newton Commission on Disability  
Cam Training - September Host: Acton Commission on Disability  
Cam Training – November Host: Pittisfield Commission on Disability  
Location: Virtual on ZOOM
- d. A number of curb cuts were discussed at open forum, there are several curb cuts located throughout the city that need attention, a list will be presented to the Department of Public Works. Some of the streets are listed below: List has been updated.  
Rollstone Road needs curb cut.  
Caldwell Street handicap spots need curb cut.  
Handicap Parking at Anwelt Complex will be reviewed for compliance.  
Status of list to be updated next meeting

**Item 11: Motion to adjourn,** meeting at 2:45pm. The next meeting will be May 11th, 2022, at 1:30pm, Wednesday, in-person at City Hall. Disability Commission Meetings will be held in the **EAST** Meeting Room at Fitchburg City Hall, 718 Main Street the second Wednesday of each month beginning September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 1:30pm. If you enter the front door of City Hall, the meeting room will be directly to your **LEFT**. Parking is behind the legislative building off of Wood Place, or on street.

