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Disability Commission Minutes Tuesday June 8, 2020 4:00 PM

Zoom Meeting

Members

Jeremy Macomber-Dubs, Chair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	City 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Michael Morton <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

1. Introductions, public comment. Meg Bandarra said that the City needs more unpaved trails that are universally accessible to people who use mobility devices. City Councilor Marianne LaBarge asked if Keith Benoit would follow up with Wayne Feiden.
1. The Commission approved unanimously upon motion by City Councilor LaBarge and second by Linda Kakos the minutes from May 11, 2020.
2. Keith Benoit gave an update on the Outdoor Dining Accessibility guide and the CT River Greenway. He said that he incorporated
3. Emma Cornwell shared a draft letter about the sidewalks in Northampton and talked about the process of going forward with it. Jeremy Macomber-Dubs read the letter aloud to the Disability Commission. The Disability Commission discussed how to move forward with the letter.
4. City Councilor Marianne LaBarge discussed the site visit the City Councilors will be doing later in the month to look at accessibility of sidewalk in Florence Heights and Cross Street.
5. City Councilor Marianne LaBarge moved to take August off and Michael Morton seconded. Passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
6. Keith Benoit mentioned that Linda Kakos last official meeting was this month. Discussion ensued on the process for reapplying.
7. Marilyn Clare asked for clarification on opening PDF that Keith Benoit sends



8. Next meeting:

- Keith Benoit will report on whether traffic signs that people with disabilities are using the roadway

9. Adjourn at 5:03 PM unanimously upon motion by Gene Page and second by Jeremy Macomber-Dubs.