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Disability Commission Minutes Tuesday October 12, 2020 4:00 PM

Zoom Meeting

Members

Jeremy Macomber-Dubs, Chair <input 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"/>	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. Introductions and public comment. Chris Palames commented that he was concerned for the preservation of angled parking. Said parallel parking can be complicated by something as simple as a stiff neck. Encourages the Disability Commission to get involved.
2. James Wilson said that he was concerned that the redesign of Main Street for people with disabilities. The switch to parallel parking from angled on the TD Bank side could hamper the safety and access of people to downtown. He said parallel parking is less safe because people are getting out of their car into oncoming traffic.
3. The Disability Commission approved the June 8th 2021 minutes by a roll call vote, motion by Councilor LaBarge and seconded by Marilyn Clare. The Disability Commission approved the July 13th 2021 minutes by a roll call vote, motion by Linda Kakos and seconded by Rodney Kunath. Next time when there are two minutes to approve it can be done with one vote.
4. Katie Miernecki from HMR properties asked the Disability Commission to consider the lack of accessible parking at 22-34 New South Street apartments. Resident Ivette Zeigler said that there is no parking in front of the building and the closest accessible parking is closest to Peter Pan. Ivette Zeigler lives on the third floor . Motion by Marianne LaBarge and seconded by Emma Cornwell to support the creation of an accessible parking space at New South Street Apartments.
5. Keith Benoit presented the ordinance proposal to remove five angle parking that back into crosswalks. Emma Cornwell said that she is not comfortable with



removing parking unless there is a one for one replacement of accessible parking. Motion to table the conversation until the final hearing from City Council by Councilor LaBarge and seconded by Emma Cornwell. Passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

6. Next meeting:

- Survey data from business from the Picture Main Street
- Letter to DPW regarding the Florence Road

7. Adjourn at 5:10 PM unanimously upon motion by Councilor Marianne LaBarge and second by Linda Kakos.