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Barnstable Disability Commission
Minutes
February 21, 2018
Hyannis Youth & Community Center
141 Bassett Lane Hyannis, MA 02601

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Members present: Merrill Blum, Chair; Sheila Mulcahy, Vice Chair; Anne Mazzola, Sabrina Kane, Sarah Nicholson, Paul Logan and Tammy Cunningham.

Members absent – Paula Breagy and Denis Briand.

Guests present: Michelle Davis, Recreation; Elizabeth Hartsgrove, Consumer Affairs; Elizabeth Jenkins, Planning & Economic Development; Anna Brigham, Planning & Economic Development; Steve Spillane, CORD; Jean Cassell, Land Acquisition and Preservation Committee; Mona Solmonte; Consumer Affairs, and Michelle Davies, Recreation.

CORD – Steve Spillane of Cape Organization for Rights of the Disabled, talked with the Board about CORD and the programs that they offer. Through discussion, the parallels of the missions and programs of BDC and CORD were highlighted. The Board thanked Steve for attending and all that CORD does for the community.

Planning & Economic Development – Elizabeth Jenkins discussed the status of the Self - assessment plan and Transition plan. There is a published plan and comments. The department is continuing to seek feedback and comment through the online searchable document. Any comments the BDC may have can be sent to Anna Brigham.

Land Acquisition and Preservation Committee – Jean Cassell and the BDC discussed the changes to cut the bill HR 620, as well as accessibility initiatives in the community.

Parking Division – Mona Solmonte stated she has surveyed other communities to discuss how they handle parking enforcement. The survey results were shared with the Board members. It was identified that other communities appear to be more lenient, but the fines are heavier. Paul Logan recommended making the parking presentation from the Senior Center available on the BDC website. The BDC also discussed a tiered system on the ticketing suggesting that every 20 days a ticket remains unpaid the fine would increase. Additional discussion on fines and ticketing will continue at another meeting.

Minutes of November 15, 2017 - Paul Logan made a motion to approve as amended, Sheila Mulcahy seconded. Unanimous.

The BDC asked for for the next meeting that the item handicap parking fine increase be added.

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Town signage standard and curb cuts – The new curb cuts are now in yellow in place of the gray. Paul Logan stated he spoke with Mike Perry concerning sign heights. Mike Perry stated when installing signs they follow the Federal Law and use MUTCD (Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices) rules which is between 5 and 8 feet. Mike Perry will be invited to the March meeting to discuss signage and sign heights.

Ongoing Business – Paul Logan stated he spoke with Brian Florence. Bamboo has taken corrective action including changes in the bar area and access aisles. West End continues to have no access aisles.

A beach parking update will be ready by April 1st.

Anne Mazzola brought all of the materials for the Dining Guide. Sabrina Kane has been given the files to review.

Barnstable Housing Authority – Merrill Blum stated he met with the Director of BHA. They hold 1052 units. They currently have at least 2 accessible units at each location. Merrill stated they discussed the dining guide and having it available at the BHA locations. BHA and BDC will maintain a dialogue on accessibility.

Sandwich Council on Disability – Members of the BDC has been invited by the Sandwich Council on Disability to talk with them about reconstituting the commission in Sandwich. The meeting will take place on March 7th at 4:30 p.m. Sheila and Sabrina will be attending.

Handicap Accessible Restrooms – Sheila Mulcahy made a motion to approve the BDC funding portable restrooms for Covell's Beach, Loop Beach, and a unit at Gary Brown boat ramp for Sail Cape Cod, Paul Logan seconded. Unanimous.

A discussion was held on the request for a donation from SMILE.

Status of Cotuit Dock – A check in with Dan Horn, Director of MEA, to find out the status.

Michelle Davis stated her program is doing very well. The participants are playing multiple adaptive sports such as pickle ball, soccer, kick ball, and waffle ball.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy L. Cunningham

**The mission of the Barnstable Disability Commission
is to advise and guide the Town of Barnstable and the general public regarding
issues of accessibility in accordance with the American's With Disabilities Act (ADA)**

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