



Boston Disability Commission Advisory Board

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Minutes for Monday May 22, 2017
9th Floor BRA Board Room 900, Boston City Hall, 5:30 – 7:30 PM

Present:	Staff Present:
(CR) Carl Richardson (KC) Kimyatta Campbell (MM) Marc (Moses) Mallard On Phone: (ZA) Zary Amirhosseini (KR) Kyle Robidoux Not Present: (JW) John Winske	(KMC) Kristen McCosh, Commissioner (PM) Patricia Mendez (CM) Chris Morawski (LI) Leah Igdalsky , Rappaport Fellow

KRISTEN MCCOSH
Commissioner

Commission Members

John Winske
Secretary

Marc (Moses) Mallard
Treasurer

Zary Amirhosseini

Kimyatta Campbell

Carl Richardson

Kyle Robidoux

April meeting minutes: April meeting minutes were tabled till June.

Commissioner's Report: Kristen McCosh

Kristen McCosh (KMC) gave an update on the national ADA symposium and her experience learning more about Title I (Employment) and Title II (Transportation). She then gave an update on the Community Forum, noting that over 100 people showed, a third of which had never come to a Commission event previously. The questions and concerns raised this year will help give guidance as to the next years' work. The Annual Report has also been released and is online. KMC ended her report reminding the Board that the ADA Day Celebration is July 25th on City Hall Plaza

Leah Igdalsky: Accessibility Priority Survey

Leah Igdalsky (LI) introduced herself, explaining her background and her role as a Rappaport Fellow at the Commission for ten weeks over the summer. During her time she will be developing an accessibility priority survey. The goal is to create a broad survey to see what areas the constituents of Boston want the Commission to focus on. Once the survey is completed LI will begin the outreach to get the survey to as many people as possible.

Architecture Report: Patricia Mendez

Patricia Mendez (PM) opened her report inviting the Board to attend the Transportation Summit on Wednesday May 24th at the transportation Building in which KMC and PM will be on a panel. Carl Richardson noted that he recently went on a mockup of the new green line MBTA train cars and was very impressed.

PM then noted three projects of similar scope. First is the federally funded Melnea Cass redesign from the police station to the intersection of the Mass Ave Connector which will have raised pedestrian crosswalks for increased safety and separated bike lanes. Second is the Sullivan Square reconstruction as part of the Everett Wynn Casino Settlement which will have sidewalk and road improvements. Lastly, the Summer Street reconstruction on fort point channel near south station towards the convention center will include reconstruction of road and sidewalk as well as an addition of bike lanes and trees.

KMC announced that recommendations from the Disability Housing Task Force will be release in the next month or two. There will be a formal press announcement. KMC also reported that the City won the law suit between the City of Boston and Beacon Hill regarding the curb ramps in Beacon Hill.

Old Business

No old business

Old Action Items

No Old Action Items

New Business

PM read a letter aloud a letter from a constituent Kevin Quinlan, noting an ongoing struggle of large vehicles parking, often motor homes, in the bus stop for the #57 and #66 in Brighton. KMC noted that Commission staff will be looking into the concerns.

New Action Item:

No New Action Items

Public Input

Richard Welsh spoke regarding the concerns in his high rise residence in Chinatown and the fact that due to what he believes to be state law, the fire department cannot reset the elevator bank in the event of a fire alarm. He is looking for clarification on why this state law exists and how to remedy this so that the elevators are not shut down for longer than necessary. KMC noted that her staff will reach out to the Elevator Commission and will get back to him.