

Salem Commission on Disabilities Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2021

Meeting held via zoom platform.

Commissioners present:

Debra Lobsitz, Chair
Kerry Neenan
David Moisan
Rebecca Christie
Kate Zuraw
Zeke Holt
Maureen McKinnon

Commissioners absent:

Darren Black

Also present:

City Council Liaison Meg Ricciardi
Lisa Cammarata, ADA Coordination Assistant
Alan Hanscom, SATv
Alyssa Doherty, Intern/ADA Coordination Assistant
Jay Carroll, Roadway Engineer, Engineering Department

Attendees:

Heather Famico
Steven Kapantais
Jeff Cohen

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:35PM. Each commissioner introduced him or herself. The Commission welcomed Alyssa Doherty and Jay Carroll.

2) **Approval of minutes from February 24, 2021 meeting.**

Motion made by Becky Christie (Christie), seconded by David Moisan (Moisan) to accept the minutes from March meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

3) **Old Business:**

a. **ADA Transition Plan Presentation by IHCD and PSHE Committee Meeting Update**

Lisa Cammarata (Cammarata) recognized Alyssa Doherty (Doherty) and Jay Carroll (Carroll) relative to the ADA Transition Plan (Plan) Smartsheet/Dashboard and last month's presentation.

Carroll gave a comprehensive overview of all of the roadway work which includes accessibility through out the City of Salem. He briefed the group on the areas slated for work, and he named areas where street and sidewalk work would be taking place. Areas include, but are not limited to: Bridge Street, Essex Street, North Street, Washington, Derby, Blaney, and Hardy.

A question was asked to Carroll as to who checks on projects as they are happening, if there are concerns. Carroll said he is typically notified, and people can contact the Engineering Department, or See Click Fix. A question was raised as to whether or not things were updated in the Smartsheet as these things are done.

Doherty said that they are, and that she updates the Smartsheet too. Maureen McKinnon (McKinnon) asked about having accessibility issues forwarded to the Commission.

Carroll talked about the accessibility work being done at the Salem Fire Department. He said work is being done inside and out. He talked about the Collins Middle School work, and the grade of the terrain and the difficulty there in areas. He talked about Palmer Cove Park.

Heather Famico (Famico) suggested that streets be swept before crosswalks are painted. Famico commented that outdoor dining is not completely accessible.

There being no questions for Carroll, the Commission thanked him for attending the meeting.

b. Odd Meter Café:

Cammarata reported she and Zeke Holt were scheduled to visit later that week.

c. Variance request, Salem Arts Council update.

Lobsitz reported she reached out to the Salem Arts Council, to visit us and attend a meeting. She will update as needed.

e. Accessibility to COVID-19 Vaccine Sites et al; Kate Zuraw

Kate Zuraw stated that there don't seem to be issues with transportation, especially since the Salem Skipper is available.

f. Snow removal and accessibility discussion; Lisa Cammarata

Cammarata suggested the group discuss this matter at the end of the summer.

g. Sub-Committee reports and assignments:

Lobsitz named each subcommittee and the Commissioners who are on each.

Sub-Committees and current assignments are as follows:

- ADA Updates and Transition Plan
- Project Funding
- Social Media
- Pedestrian Safety

No Place For Hate (NPFH); Commissioner Neenan with alternates Becky Christie (Christie) and Maureen McKinnon (McKinnon) serves as Commission representative to this board.

f. ALEC training update

Neenan reported this training was a huge success at the Salem PD, and the Commissioners praised her for implementing this for the department. Discussion was had regarding this training for the Salem Fire Department and other first responders. Nice work, Kerry!!

2) New Business:

None

3) Announcements/Questions/General discussion/Ideas for future meetings

Lobsitz said that she was approached for by the Salem Little League for additional funding to support the lift maintenance. Suggested to have the Project Funding Sub-Committee review this.

There being no further business before the Commission, David Moisan made a motion, seconded by McKinnon, to adjourn the meeting at 6:20PM

LBC