

## **Salem Commission on Disabilities Meeting Minutes**

9/21/2021

Meeting held via zoom platform.

### **Commissioners present:**

Debra Lobsitz, Chair  
Kerry Neenan  
David Moisan  
Zeke Holt  
Maureen McKinnon  
Darren Black  
Rebecca Christie

### **Commissioners absent:**

Kate Zuraw

### **Also present:**

Lisa Cammarata  
Alan Hanscom, SATv  
Lucas Miller, Chief of Police, Salem Police Department  
Kerry Murphy, City of Salem Wellness Coordinator

### **1) Introductions/welcome/guests**

The Chair, Debra Lobsitz (Lobsitz) called the meeting to order at 4:35PM. Each commissioner introduced him or herself.

City of Salem Police Chief Lucas Miller (Miller) was the Commission's guest. Miller addressed the group, discussed his background, informed the group about the Salem Police Department (SPD), and answered questions. Topics discussed included how the SPD interacts with individuals with disabilities, the Citizens' Police Academy, the 911 Disability Indicator Form, the Are you Ok? Program, ALEC training recently held, and technology. Miller thanked the Commission for inviting him to this meeting.

### **3.c) Old Business**

#### **MOD Grant Update, Kerry Murphy**

Motion made by David Moisan (Moisan) seconded by Zeke Holt (Holt) to move the later agenda item to this spot. All in favor, motion carried.

Kerry Murphy (Murphy) explained in more detail the City's application for the MOD grant for the Mack Park Food Farm accessibility. Topic was discussed in August, yet there was some confusion on the layout of the farm and the grant application; Murphy clarified the project and answered questions.

### **2) Approval of minutes of August 2021 meeting:**

Motion made by Holt, seconded by Rebecca Christie; all in favor, motion carried.

### **3) Old Business continues**

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

Lisa Cammarata (Cammarata) reported that the City is moving ahead with accessibility matters as addressed in the ADA Transition Plan. She said she will work on getting the Smart Sheet available to the Commission and the public.

**b. Sub-Committee reports and assignments:**

**ADA Updates and Transition Plan:**

Darren Black reported about the Salem Arts Council and an upcoming discussion regarding the flow of patrons in October.

**Project Funding**

Lisa Cammarata (Cammarata) reported that the \$3000.00 donation to the Salem Little League (SLL) had taken place, and she had the receipt from the bank deposit from the SLL.

**Social Media**

There was no report made.

**Pedestrian Safety**

The group discussed Smart Signals and the plan to contact John Giardi, the City Electrician to assist with Signal Placement. Group discussed the area near Tavern in the Square (currently The Derby) along with the rotary and issues post construction.

No Place For Hate (NPFH); Commissioner Kerry Neenan (Neenan) with alternates Becky Christie (Christie) and Maureen McKinnon (McKinnon) serves as Commission representative to this board. Neenan reported that NPFH is working on changing their name.

**d. ADA Signage Project; Planning Department:**

Kate Kennedy (Kennedy), Staff Planner in the City's Planning Department was unable to attend the meeting, yet Cammarata said Kennedy had planned to email a few Commissioners and attend our next meeting.

**4) New Business:**

**a. Construction update; Jay Carroll, Roadway Project Manager**

Cammarata reported this item is on the agenda as a placeholder for such updates; there were no updates for this meeting.

**5) Announcements/Questions/General discussion/Ideas for future meetings**

Neenan reported that she has not heard back from the Architectural Access Board to invite them to a meeting.

There being no further business before the Commission, Moisan made a motion, seconded by Black to adjourn the meeting at 5:49PM.

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