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BELMONT DISABILITY ACCESS COMMISSION

Minutes, Meeting of June 21st, 2023 (Held via Zoom)

Disability Access Commission Members in Attendance: Nan Donald, Norma Massarotti, Andrew Poulsen, Macharia Waruingi, Erica Zidel

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m., and ended at 7:52 p.m.

At Risk Registry was discussed and it was suggested that a connection be facilitated between the At-Risk effort and the Department of Health. Andrew will follow-up with the DOH.

Emily Walsh will be stepping down as a member of the Disability Access Commission resulting in the Commission having two open spots. Please refer any candidates in serving to Andrew.

Commission members reviewed the tracker and made edits to reflect the status of each issue.

Date Input Received	Issue Description	Assigned to DAC Member:	Tracking #	Status	Date Closed	Comments
10/19/2022	Vehicle @ Chenery using handicapped space for permanent / dead parking	Norma Massarotti	221103	Closed	11/16/2022	
10/25/2022	Beech Street Center bathroom accessibility	Norma Massarotti	221025	Open		
11/18/2022	Broken sidewalk at Senior Center by front entrance	Norma Massarotti	221118	Open		
12/21/2022	Traffic Light across from Star Market at Waverly square broken (button is stuck)	Macharia	221221	Closed	2022	weather may contribute to button functioning
3/15/2023	Town request to DAC to provide assistance to a resident inquiring about accessibility rights / expectations as a tenant	Andrew Paulsen; Macharia Waruingi	230315a	Open		Facilitated an introduction with resident and social worker; social worker left her position; check with Dana on whether resident met with another social worker
3/15/2023	Resident input on how to bring awareness to consider disabilities with respect to how communication is given to tenants of town managed properties	Macharia Waruingi	230315b	Open	Apr-23	letter sent; key card machine is not accessible because card entry requires vision to see where to insert it and has no audio to guide a vision impaired user; consult with Massachusetts Commission for the Blind
5/8/2023	New Library Accessibility Opportunities	DAC	230508	Open	7-Jul-23	Met with Library committee; Andrew will f/u with committee to schedule a f/u meeting to hear their thoughts regarding concerns we raised along with a design update
6/17/2023	Traffic Light audio issue					Macharia to send Norma input
6/17/2023	Bike path impact to handicapped parking spaces along with exiting on drive side for disabled drivers (walker, canes, etc.)					Norma to consult with Macharia and Andrew on how to respond to Dave Coleman's email to Norma
6/17/2023	read article to incorporate sight impaired as well (i.e. exiting busses and not seeing bikes approaching)					

The commission will not meet in July due to calendar conflicts. The next meeting will take place in August.

A motion was made by Andrew Poulsen to adjourn and seconded by Nan Donald.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:52.

--Submitted by Norma Massarotti, Clerk