

Belmont Disability Access Commission

Meeting Minutes: 2 December 2004

(approved 23 June 2005)

Present: Celeste Andrade, Ray Glazier, Laurie Graham, Joan Hantman, Art Heron (Associate) Janet Macdonald, Fran Williams (Associate). (A quorum was present.) Absent: Kathy Allen, William Rodi (Associate), Carole Williams.

The meeting was called to order in the Staff Room of the Belmont Memorial Library (as posted) at 7:35 PM.

Minutes from the last Commission Meeting on September 9, 2004 were read and amended. Laurie Graham made a motion to approve the minutes; Janet Macdonald seconded the motion. They were approved by unanimous voice vote.

High School Parking: Fran Williams reported that the 300 spaces planned should have a minimum of eight (8) HP spaces allocated – two (2) have so far been allocated. Ray Glazier had written a letter to the Director of Finance about this issue; it was distributed and discussed. Ray Glazier made a motion, which Joan Hantman seconded, that Art Heron call Scott Stratford about the commission's views. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote.

Disability Assistance Program Report: Laurie Graham stated that the majority of those calling in are either senior citizens or the family of senior citizens. There are several requests for housework. It was moved and seconded that the DAP will respond to requests for light housekeeping for those with a qualifying disability.

Senior Center: Janet Macdonald noted that she has not yet made formal contact. She said that they are in the schematic design stage.

Report on Fire Department Headquarters: BDAC comments on the plan had been forwarded. Fran Williams reported that electric doors were finally included.

Henry Hall Letter: The Henry Hall letter was distributed and discussed. There was no resolution.

Disability Speakers Bureau: Ray Glazier, Patricia Livingstone, Fran Williams, and Celeste Andrade were suggested as speakers.

First Church Consultation: Concern was expressed that some ADA issues raised by Fran Williams and Ray Glazier had not been addressed despite the fact that considerable time had been invested. Celeste Andrade made a motion that a letter be sent to the church, following a site visit, stating the Commission's concerns. Janet Macdonald seconded the motion and it was carried by unanimous voice vote.

The next meeting date was set for February 3, 2005.

Laurie Graham made a motion to adjourn at 9:15 PM; Janet Macdonald seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Recorded as understood and respectfully submitted,

Celeste M. Andrade, Secretary.