



CITY OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Commission On Disability

Meeting Date: March 13, 2023

MINUTES

Room Zoom

Time: 6:00PM

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Commission Members Present:

Eileen Sandberg, Co-Chair, participating remotely

Ima Jonsdottir, Co-Chair, participating remotely

Jane Brown, Treasurer, participating remotely

Lucie Chansky, participating remotely

Petr Chovanec, participating remotely

Nyree Kibarian, participating remotely

Nancy Kritzman, participating remotely

Sandra Lingley, participating remotely

Barbara Lischinsky, participating remotely

Matt Volpi, participating remotely

Commission Members Absent:

Lakshmi Kadambi

Anne Marie Killilea

Darby Leigh

City Staff Present:

Jini Fairley, ADA Coordinator

Nika Sandal, Planning

Sgt. Wade, Police

Hattie Kerwin Derrick, Mayor's office

Alex Valcarce, Public Buildings

Guests:

Councilor Bowman

Councilor Downs

Rob Caruso

Amy Sangiolo

Tina Su, architect- Lincoln-Eliot design

Michelle Tuck, architect-15,21 Lexington St. housing development

Dante Capasso, owner-15,21 Lexington St.

1. Introductions (6:00-6:05)

At the start of the meeting, there were 8 COD members present, and 5 absent, although Eileen and Barbara joined a little later in the meeting.

2. Remembering Girard (6:05-6:20)

Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

Barney Heath,
**Director, Planning &
Development**

Amanda Berman
**Director, Housing &
Community Development**

Nika Sandal
**Planner
Community Development**

Members
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For our remembrance of Girard Plante, a COD member for 20 years, who suddenly died after a short illness on February 14, Ima read the commendation Mayor Fuller gave to Girard last July for his dedicated and steadfast service to the city as a Commission On Disability member. Ima also read the City Council's resolution and memorial commendation to Girard, given at the March 6 full City Council. The resolution can be found on pages 7 & 8. Lucie led the tributes for Girard by echoing the City Council commendation describing Girard as a fierce and tenacious advocate for people with disabilities, making a difference in many lives in Newton and statewide, and expressed her admiration of Girard's many accomplishments while managing his own severe disabilities. She said she will sorely miss him and he died too soon. Eileen agreed and added that Girard was very willing to engage and educate everyone he met on the rights and needs of people with disabilities. Sandra added that Girard was very supportive of new and veteran COD members and their interests and projects. She often ran into Girard at the grocery store, on the T, and out and about our community, a great representative of a person with a disability living and enjoying life. Rob, a very close friend of Girard's, thanked Councilor Bowman for the commendation, and spoke of Girard putting aside his needs to help those who couldn't speak for themselves. Girard underwent emergency surgery for a perforated ulcer in his stomach and respiratory complications a week after this surgery took his life. Rob will miss him terribly. Councilor Downs reminisced as to the issue where she met Girard for the first time, getting the snow shoveling ordinance for residents passed. His death is a great loss to the city. Amy Sangiolo said she will miss him very much, you couldn't go anywhere in Auburndale Square without seeing Girard, who would give her a piece of his mind, what the city wasn't doing well, what they should be doing, what the state also should be doing, the injustices he was fighting for. He was proud of his city, especially Auburndale residents, and how much he empathized with everyone. Jini added that he was very involved and informed of advocacy initiatives beyond Newton, he had his own brand of advocacy, all the while being kind, looking out for everyone he met, and getting much accomplished. She will miss him very much. Jini mentioned that many Councilors and staff sent messages of sadness when they heard of Girard's passing, and that Commissioner Banks and Luis suggested dedicating a bench on the CDBG funded accessible portion of the Marty Sender Trail, looking out onto the Charles River in Auburndale Cove, just across from where Girard lived. Lucie made a motion to do that, to dedicate a bench on the Marty Sender Trail with a plaque remembering Girard. Jane seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 10-0 (Eileen and Barbara joined the meeting after the approval of the minutes). Lucie also mentioned that the Mayor of Utica, where Girard grew up, also gave a memorial commendation to Girard, that the members received. This can be found on page 9.

3. Approval of the February 13, 2023 Meeting Minutes (6:20-6:25)

This agenda item preceded the previous item. Ima asked if there were any changes needed to be made to the minutes. Hearing none, Jane made a motion to approve the minutes as distributed and read. Lucie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 8-0 (Eileen and Barbara joined later).

4. CDBG Report (6:25-6:30)

Nika presented the CDBG Access Project report, which can be found on page 10. Barbara expressed her frustration that the McGrath perimeter path is still being delayed, that it is an FY22 funded project, and other Parks & Recreation projects, like

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Gath Pool are moving forward. She said that we heard about the McGrath field and perimeter path in the late fall, but there doesn't seem to be any progress 3 months later. Ima suggested she send an email to the Co-chairs and Jini so that a follow up can be addressed to the PRC department, which she will do. Nika also went over the guidelines to use in choosing a CDBG-funded project each year, which were updated and discussed with the members. This document can be viewed on pages 11-13. Nika combined 2 guidance documents into one, eliminated voting for a category/area where the projects must come from (infrastructure, parks, buildings), and made some changes to the timeline to try out and to the number of projects to be vetted, so that there would be more choices, in the event that one of the projects estimated cost is over the CDBG allocation, or if different funding is found for one of the original top 3 projects, both scenarios happened last year.

Ima mentioned that the COD members have a goal to be more pro-active regarding participating in site visits for recommended or potential projects. Eileen asked if the curb cut inventory is available. Jini said that she has not seen the completed, but hoping to receive it this spring from DPW and the consultant working on checking the inventory raw data for accuracy. Lucie clarified with Nika that if the COD had a project or two, not suggested by the departments, can the COD choose one of their ideas/suggestions rather than one or more from those departments. Nika confirmed it is the decision of the COD members as to which project they want to recommend for CDBG funding from a list of projects both from the COD and the departments.

5. Accessible Fines Reports (6:30-6:35)

Sgt. Wade gave the Fines reports which can be found on pages 14 & 15. Barbara asked who is doing the appeals, Sgt. Wade said it is a city employee, not a state regulation. She feels there are too many successful appeals/tickets dismissed and she would like to know the reasons for these successful appeals. She added that if someone forgets to put up their placard, or forgets to take their placard with them but park in an accessible parking space, they should be fined. Other members expressed similar perspectives. Sgt. Wade said he would look into this further, the decision to dismiss a ticket/successful appeal is not part of the Police Department, and will take this offline with Jini and get back to the COD members. Jini suggested that perhaps categories of reasons and the number in each may be possible.

Jini mentioned that Lauren Keefe, Police officer of Community Services developed, in consultation with the COD Co-Chairs, Jini, and Sgt. Wade, a PSA about accessible parking rules, to discourage drivers from parking in the access aisle (all drivers even ones with disability placards) and that only vehicles with a disability placard/plate can park in the signed accessible parking spaces throughout the city. This PSA will go up on the Police Department social media platforms.

6. New Lincoln Eliot School (150 Jackson Rd) Presentation (6:35-7:05)

Public Buildings Deputy Commissioner Alex Valcarce and his Team presented the final plans for the Lincoln-Eliot School's new location at 150 Jackson Road. The presentation is too large to copy at the end of these Draft Minutes. .

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Matt commented that the design seems to have a lot of ramps, inside and outside, and had they thought of covering some of the route from drop off to the school entrance. Alex said perhaps they could consider solar panels over a portion of that route. Barbara asked about the approaches to the school, condition of sidewalks, perpendicular curb ramps crossing driveways, APS in any signal in the walking area for the students, that all is accessible. Alex said that they will be keeping these elements in mind for these routes to the school, making the infrastructure accessible and encouraged site visits by the COD members at certain points, especially during the detailed construction phase.. Lucie commented that due to the elevator being at one end of a long building and not a lot of accessible parking, that this design is not friendly to those with walking difficulties (using walkers, support canes, crutches, etc.). Alex acknowledged the challenges, where to place the elevator and parking. He also said that the lift in the building, although not a primary means of accessible vertical access, will be improved and can be used. He will also look at the possibility of accessible parking on Waban St. which takes one from there right into the lobby. Both Nyree and Ima expressed concern for the need for more accessible parking, at all entrances. Tina, the architect, said they were still working on the parking management plan and will consider the suggestions. Nyree's recommendation of heated key ramps to melt snow and ice, may be an expensive idea but will look into that, too. Ima asked about bathrooms for students, especially one with a changing table/room for aa PCA to assist student. Tina said there was only one bathroom like that on the first level but not on the other classroom levels. Her experience that the student who needs the privacy and space, needs the bathroom on the level where the student's classes are located, not to require taking an elevator to get to the only fully accessible single use bathroom. Ima also asked if classroom sinks, elevator buttons, cafeteria tables (more than one) are accessible, and they are. About automatic door openers, the entrance doors will be, and most other corridor doors remain open during the class day. Ima suggested other doors, such as out to the playground, have automatic door openers for students to independently navigate. The playground was discussed and Ima expressed interest in having the team back when the design and details are further along.

7. MAAB Variance at 15, 21 Lexington St. (7:05-7:30)

Michelle Tuck, architect for this new construction of an apartment complex with an above ground garage under the dwelling units, presented the reasons for the MAAB variances they are seeking. . It is a 4 floor building, garage on the lower level and 3 floors of 24 apartments. Due to the topography, the first floor of the apartments is at grade with Lexington St. Her firm was hired after the design was complete and city permit in hand, and they are finalizing the construction documents. Two issues of accessibility arose which is why they are requesting a variance from the MAAB regulations. The first has to do with the stacked washer/dryers in the Group 1 units. Although the controls are within reach range, retrieving clothes out of the dryer is not. As mitigation, the owner has agreed to change out the stacked washer/dryer for an all-in-one appliance, since there is not room to put the washer and dryer side by side, as they are in the Group 2A units, if requested by a tenant with a disability, and will be written into the lease.

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The second variance request regards the height of the door to the garage (and the ceiling of the garage inside), which can only be 6 feet 6 inches (78 inches, due to the overall permitted restrictions of the building height and the water table) which does not meet the MAAB regulations for a van-accessible parking space (should be 98 inches. Since the door/entrance to the garage cannot be changed, the development proposes locating the van-accessible parking space outside, as close to the garage entrance as possible. There was much discussion as to what will be available in the garage for accessible parking (2 signed accessible parking spaces, 11' wide and with at least 5 feet access aisle, and at least one van-accessible outside. The COD members felt that didn't completely provide an equitable situation for the unit dweller with an accessible van taller than 78", since the outside van-accessible parking space is subject to the weather. The members asked if a covering could be provided over the van-accessible parking space and adjacent access aisle, and the owner, Mr. Capasso, said that would be no problem. Thus after a long discussion, the COD members made 2 motions.

First motion: Lucie made the motion to support the first variance request to allow the stacked washer/dryers in Group 1 units, instead of side by side, with the stipulation that it will be clearly communicated to the tenant, in the lease, that they can simply ask for the all-in-one washer/dryer, due to their disability. Petr seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

Lucie made a motion to support the second variance for the height of the van-accessible parking space, with the stipulation that there is 1 accessible parking space inside the garage and 2 accessible parking spaces outside the garage, 1 of which would be a van-accessible parking space and would be covered from the weather. This motion was not seconded and subsequent discussion, a new motion was made by Nancy, that the COD supported the variance regarding the height for a van-accessible parking space inside the garage, with the stipulation that there would be 2 accessible parking spaces, where at least one would be wide enough for a van with at least a 5 foot adjacent access aisle, and there would be one van-accessible parking space outside in the parking lot, covered with a permanent structure with appropriate access aisle, closest to the entrance. Petr seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 7-0. Jini said that she would let the MAAB know of the COD's decisions here.

8. Me2/ Concert Publicity & Logistics (7:30-7:45)

Eileen wasn't feeling well and left the meeting. Ima said that at this point she and Eileen are looking for a couple of volunteers to help with advertising and day of the event, on May 7, at 3PM at Newton North High School.. Sandra and Jane volunteered.

9. COD Representation on FHC & Bike/Ped Advisory (7:45-7:50)

Ima said that Barbara will be unable to be the representative on the Fair Housing Committee or the Bicycle & Pedestrian Network Plan Advisory Committee. Nancy said she would like to be the representative on the FHC and will start to attend their meetings. Ima asked for a volunteer for the Bike/Ped Network Plan, but no one volunteered. She encouraged members to think about it and let the Co-Chairs and Jini know of their interest via email.

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10. Treasurer's Report (7:50-7:55)

Jane gave the Treasurer's report, which was just the addition of the new account to pay the Me2 Orchestra fee, balance is \$1500. Otherwise the balances from last month have not changed. The Treasurer's Report can be found on page 16.

11. ADA Coordinator's Report (7:55-8:00)

Jini gave a report of her ADA activities, which can be viewed on page 17.

She highlighted an email she had shared with the members to review the design options for the Gath Pool, and as individuals they can send in support of the more accessible Option A to GathPool@newtonma.gov. Hopefully PRC will be back to present the Gath Pool design next month. They did add an additional private accessible changing room, but without a shower.

Second item was meeting with Paula Gannon of PRC about making the city's fairs and festivals more accessible for children, especially. It was a very positive meeting that Ima, Nyree, and Jini had with Paula, looking towards the Harvest Fair, but possibly some changes for the May Family Fest and July 4th celebrations..

12. Members' Interest Areas & 2023 COD Goals Discussion Cont'd (8:00-8:30)

Due to the lateness of the hour, just members who were absent last month shared their Ima said that many of the comments and concerns the COD members expressed tonight are included in the goals sheet she is adding to after each meeting. Please email the Co-Chairs and Jini with any areas/project/meetings you might like to follow and report back to the COD. Ima hopes everyone will look at this goals sheet and, thought we have started, to find time for even more discussion at the next meeting.

13. Adjournment (8:30)

The meeting adjourned at 9:05PM.

NEXT MEETING DATE: April 10, 2023

These minutes were prepared and respectfully submitted by
Jini Fairley, staff to the COD.

The location of this meeting is wheelchair accessible and reasonable accommodations will be provided to persons with disabilities requiring assistance. If you need a reasonable accommodation, please contact the city of Newton's ADA/Sec.504 Coordinator, Jini Fairley, at least two business days in advance of the meeting: jfairley@newtonma.gov or (617) 796-1253. For Telecommunications Relay Service, please dial 711 or call City Hall's TTY/TDD line at 617-796-1089.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

City of Newton

Reports and Supplemental Materials:



Memorial Commendation

In Remembrance of

Girard Plante

- Whereas, Girard Plante was a passionate and effective advocate for people with disabilities, and
- Whereas, Girard Plante dedicated his life to helping people get the accommodations they were legally entitled to, and
- Whereas, Girard Plante was a tenacious lobbyist working alongside the Boston Center for Independent Living to increase funding for the Alternative Housing Voucher Program enabling people with disabilities to leave nursing homes to live independently, and
- Whereas, Girard Plante fought fiercely for living wages for personal care assistants and to expand PCA coverage for people as part of the Mass Health program, and
- Whereas, Girard Plante was a member of the Commission on Disabilities for almost twenty years, including twelve as a co-chair of the Commission, and
- Whereas, Girard's advocacy led Newton to create a full-time ADA coordinator position and under Girard's leadership on the Commission upgraded City Hall to be more accessible, most especially the elevator serving the War Memorial, and
- Whereas, Girard Plante worked with state legislators, the MBTA, and local officials to authorize funding and start the process to make Newton's commuter rail stations accessible, and
- Whereas, Girard Plante was a frequent rider on the MBTA trolley system and conscientiously reported issues to the MBTA that affected safety and accessibility for people with disabilities, and
- Whereas, Girard Plante earned the title of Mayor of Auburndale because of his willingness to help his neighbors resolve issues they encountered, most especially in Norumbega Gardens, and
- Whereas, Girard's advocacy also lead to improved enforcement of accessible parking spaces and these fines be available to the commission to support their work, and

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Whereas, **Girard Plante** was not afraid to speak up, loud and clear when he felt not enough was being done to keep people safe and support those in need and for 20 years, Girard's popular column Simple Times in The Boston Post-Gazette addressed many important issues in society, and

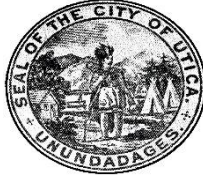
Whereas, the world is a far better place given Girard's dedication to advancing rights for people with disabilities

Now, therefore, be it Resolved,

That the Honorable City Council representing the entire City of Newton recognizes Girard Plante's immeasurable impact on the City of Newton in making it a more welcoming, accessible, and liveable city for all its residents and recognizes the great loss to our community brought on by his passing.

Commendation offered on this 6th Day of March 2023 by Council President Susan Albright, City Council Vice President Richard Lipof, President Emeritus R. Lisle Baker, and Councilors Alicia Bowman, Leonard Gentile, Joshua Krintzman, Christopher Markiewicz and Andreae Downs on behalf of the entire City Council

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Girard Anthony Joseph Plante was born in Utica, attending both catholic and public schools; graduating from Proctor High School, attending Utica College of Syracuse University, now known as Utica University, where he obtained his BA in Broadcast Journalism, and

WHEREAS: Thereafter Girard wrote for Utica’s local paper, the *Observer-Dispatch*; and ran for public office twice, and

WHEREAS: While employed with Utica’s Resource for Independent Living (RCLI), he became involved with Utica’s Human Rights. Utilizing his knowledge of local, state, Federal and ADA law, and being a quadriplegic, Girard was able to successfully assist his clients to find housing and public services at a time when many disabled were faced with legal challenges and hardships, and

WHEREAS: In 2001, Girard relocated to Newton, MA where he served on the Newton Disability Rights Commission as co-commissioner where he helped to fight and win many battles for the development of ACCESS and services for all throughout the greater Newton and Boston area. Girard also began his writing career in 2003 for the *Boston Post-Gazette* with his popular column ‘Simple Times’, and

WHEREAS: Girard received a Commendation from Newton Mayor Ruthanne Fuller for his long and dedicated service as a member of the City’s Commission on Disability, and

WHEREAS: Girard was an advocate for the community as a whole, he will be truly missed by family, friends, and the disabled, for whom he dedicated his life fighting for their equality,

THEREFORE, in honor of Girard’s personal and professional achievements, I, Robert M. Palmieri, as Mayor of the City of Utica, New York do hereby recognize **GIRARD ANTHONY JOSEPH PLANTE** and may he “Keep on keepin on”

Robert M. Palmieri, Mayor, City of Utica

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March 2023 CDBG Report.pdf

Newton Commission on Disability

CDBG Access Projects Report

March 13, 2023

FY22 McGrath Park Perimeter Path Installation – (CD22-03A; Budget: \$91,300.00; Expended: \$0; Balance: \$91,300.00)

Constructing an accessible perimeter path around Richard McGrath Park. Project design was presented to the COD in December. Parks is reworking the design concept and hopes to present a new pathway design to the COD during the March meeting. Assuming the pathway is approved, Planning & Parks aims to put this project out to bid mid-summer, to move onto construction during the fall of 2023.

FY23 Langley/Warren/Chase Crossing – (CD23-03A; Budget: \$100,000.00; Expended: \$0; Balance: \$100,000.00)

Installation of accessible crossings at Langley Rd. and Warren St. This includes a bump out on the northeast corner of the intersection to create the space needed to install a curb cut to cross Warren St. DPW has updated the scope of work and concept design for this project. Project was presented at the December meeting. DPW posted the bid on the City of Newton’s website on January 5th. The bid opening date was January 19th. The contractor chosen was Antonellis

Construction.

FY24 City Hall Campus – (Cost Estimate: \$42,000)

Two curb cuts to be added to connect folks to the accessible elevator entrance near the Department Head parking lot. Site visit has been completed.

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Guidelines for CDBG Funding.pdf

Guidelines for CDBG Funding

Goal as stated in the FY21-FY25 Consolidated Plan: Removal of material and architectural barriers restricting mobility and accessibility of elderly or

severely disabled persons, through public thoroughfares, public buildings, parks and recreational facilities, and nonprofit agencies.

Determining project eligibility:

list of 4 items

1. Does this project fall within CDBG guidelines?
2. Does this project align itself with the needs of the disabled community?
3. Will this project remove material and architectural barriers?
4. Does this project align with the goals set by the COD and Architectural Access goal identified in the FY21-FY25 Consolidated Plan?

list end

If project is deemed eligible:

list of 3 items

5. Is the project within the CDBG Access budget?
 - If not, is there a more appropriate funding source?
 - If not, is there a possibility to leverage other funding sources / partner with another department for additional funds?

list end

Once eligibility is confirmed and financial commitments are made:

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Task:

Date Completed:

Site visit

Inter-department commitment made

Cost estimate & scope of work

Environmental review & demographics

table end

If yes, congratulations! This project is officially now an eligible candidate for funding!

Timeline

May meeting: Step 1: Planning department begins to compile & document potential projects. Project manager will reach out to other City departments to inquire about potential projects/partnerships. Planning will present these potential projects, as well as ask for COD's input.

June meeting: Step 2: COD will review current list of potential projects and choose those they would like to see vetted (site visit).

July-September meetings: Step 3: Throughout the summer months, these top choices (no more than four) will be vetted.

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October meeting: Step 4: COD will be presented with the full scope of work and cost estimates for the previously chosen projects.

November meeting: COD votes on top project. Each member has one vote and will vote for their top project. The project with the most votes will be the project for the following year. Project is put out to bid once HUD approves the City's Annual Action Plan.

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NEWTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEWTON COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

PARKING TICKET AND FINES REPORT

FEBRUARY 2023

TOTAL NUMBER OF TICKETS ISSUED	34
TOTAL VALUE OF TICKETS ISSUED	\$ 6,800.00
SUCCESSFUL APPEALS	\$ 800.00
TOTAL AMOUNT PAID	\$ 1,000.00
TOTAL OUTSTANDING	\$ 5,000.00

CODE # 26 ACCESSIBILITY SPOTS

NUMBER OF TICKETS ISSUED	31
TOTAL VALUE	\$ 6,200.00
SUCCESSFUL APPEALS	\$ 800.00
TOTAL AMOUNT PAID	\$ 800.00
TOTAL DUE	\$ 4,600.00

CODE # 27 CURB CUTS

NUMBER OF TICKETS ISSUED	3
TOTAL VALUE	\$ 600.00
SUCCESSFUL APPEALS	\$ 000.00
TOTAL AMOUNT PAID	\$ 200.00
TOTAL DUE	\$ 400.00

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PARKING TICKET AND FINES REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2023

As of February 28th, 2023

FY 2023 Year-to-date Parking Ticket Totals

TOTAL NUMBER OF TICKETS ISSUED	345
TOTAL VALUE OF TICKETS ISSUED	\$ 61,600.00
SUCCESSFUL APPEALS	\$ 24,400.00
TOTAL AMOUNT PAID	\$ 24,000.00
TOTAL OUTSTANDING	\$ 13,000.00

CODE # 26 ACCESSIBILITY SPOTS

NUMBER OF TICKETS ISSUED	305
TOTAL VALUE	\$ 53,600.00
SUCCESSFUL APPEALS	\$ 23,400.00
TOTAL AMOUNT PAID	\$ 19,000.00
TOTAL DUE	\$ 11,000.00

CODE # 27 CURB CUTS

NUMBER OF TICKETS ISSUED	40
TOTAL VALUE	\$ 8,000.00
SUCCESSFUL APPEALS	\$ 1,000.00
TOTAL AMOUNT PAID	\$ 5,000.00
TOTAL DUE	\$ 2,000.00

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Treasurer's Report

Given by Jane Brown, Treasurer of the Newton Commission On Disability (COD)

Presented at the March 13, 2023 Newton COD Meeting

As of March 10, 2023, one new account was added and the balances are as follows:

Account # 5500-335518 H-P. Fines-Disability Commission

Type: Receipts Reserved for Appropriation (These funds have to go before the City Council to be appropriated before being used)

Balance: \$38,499.60

Account # 0110320-571600 Set up to pay fee for May 7, 2023 Me2/ Concert

Type: Special Appropriations

Balance: \$1500.00

Account # 01C10802-513010 Operation Access – Disability Commission

Set up to pay for targeted enforcement of accessible HP Fines violations by the Police

Type: Special Appropriations

Balance: \$8,880.89

Account # 01C40128 Set up to pay for RRFB at Langley/Warren/Chase intersection

Type: Special Appropriations

Balance: \$18,000.00

Account # 01C60211 Set up to purchase accessible equipment for Burr School playground.

Type: Special Appropriations

Balance: \$1,537.00

Account#C401083-586005 Set up to purchase and install Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS) units at the Waverly/Tremont intersection

Type: Special Appropriations

Balance: **\$50.50** (8 APS units installed in December 2018)

Account # 5064D103 Set up in Fall 2015 to receive Community Access Monitor Program fees and pay expenses)

Type: Revolving Account

Balance: \$29**0.00**

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ADA COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Given by Jini Fairley, ADA/Section 504 Coordinator

Presented at the March 13, 2023 Newton Commission On Disability meeting for activities during the month of February 2023.

Site Visits:

- None

Trainings:

- Webinar by the Attorney General's Office on the Open Meeting Law- excellent
- White House Briefing
- Race X Disability Webinar-Salem State School of Social Work- excellent
- Health & Recreation Inclusiveness Webinar-good resource
- Executive Functioning in Children Webinar- Understanding Our Differences-excellent
- HUD Fair Housing Accessibility First- excellent
- Pedestrian & Bike Safety Access-Temporary Traffic Control- in-person- excellent
- Accessible Trails by Berkshire Nature Resource Council Webinar- excellent
- FHAA Accessibility First-Kitchens Webinar

Meeting/Events/Conference Calls:

- City Council- Approved \$1500 for Concert & Mayor's State of the City
- Memorial Mass for Girard
- NewCAL-Attend bi-weekly Working Group meetings
- Fair Housing Committee (FHC)- attend monthly meetings
- Complete Streets Committee & Road Paving- attend bi-weekly meetings
- Commissions On Disability Alliance Monthly Meetings