



CITY OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Commission On Disability

Meeting Date: February 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

Sandra Lingley, participating remotely

Barbara Lischinsky, participating remotely

Matt Volpi, participating remotely

Commission Members Absent:

Nancy Kritzman

Lakshmi Kadambi

Anne Marie Killilea

Darby Leigh

City Staff Present:

Jini Fairley, ADA Coordinator

Sgt. Wade, Police

Hattie Kerwin Derrick, Mayor's office

Josh Ostroff, Director of Transportation Planning

Guests:

Stephen Chaffee, Program Director, Elliot House

Esther Schlorholtz, Chair, Newton Fair Housing Committee

Donna Rigg, Vice-Chair, Newton Fair Housing Committee

Councilor Bowman

Councilor Downs

Rob Caruso

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

The meeting started at 6PM with 8 members present at the time of introductions.

2. Approval of the January 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes (6:05-6:10)

Eileen asked if there were any changes needed to be made to the draft minutes.

Hearing none, she asked for a motion to approve. Jane made a motion to approve

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Mayor

Barney Heath,

Director, Planning &
Development

Amanda Berman

Director, Housing &
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Nika Sandal

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the minutes as read and distributed. Petr seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 8-0.

3. CDBG Report (6:10-6:15)

Nika was not scheduled for this meeting and the CDBG report can be found on page 7.

4. Accessible Fines Reports (6:15-6:20)

Sgt. Wade gave the 2 Fines reports, which can be viewed on pages 8 & 9. There was some discussion as to how to report when members and residents see someone parked in an accessible parking space without a placard or plate. If it is a store parking lot, it is helpful to speak to the store manager to see if they can discourage or speak to those illegally parked. Sgt. Wade said to call the Police Department at 617-796-2123 and they will respond as soon as possible. One suggestion is to especially publish the accessible parking rules, ticket amount, and not to park in the hatch marked spaces next to an accessible parking space. Jini said that Isaac is looking into the city adding 'No Parking' in any new restriped access aisles in city-owned parking lots. Councilor Bowman said that could also be introduced into the ordinance about accessible parking spaces throughout the city, not just city-owned ones. Jini mentioned that she would like to look into that, too, as there are other inaccuracies, which do not match with the ADA standards, so they will work on that together. Ima thanked the efforts of Jini, Stephanie Gilman, and Isaac and Jason, to improve the parking lot at Brown/Oak Hill Middle Schools, along with more vigilance of folks parking illegally, and she said there was a great improvement. Sgt Wade offered to contact the Police department's Community Services to put a flyer/information out to all the social media outlets about these issues of parking in an accessible parking space without a placard or plate and not to park in the hatch marked spaces at all.

5. Treasurer's Report (6:20-6:25)

Jane, Treasurer of the COD, said there were no changes since the last Treasurer's report given at the January meeting. The Treasurer's report can be viewed on page 10.

6. ADA Coordinator's Report (6:25-6:30)

Jini gave the ADA Coordinator's report which can be found on page 11. She took the opportunity to introduce the city's new Director of Transportation Planning, who spoke about the Bicycle & Pedestrian Network Plan, and the Advisory Committee, of which Jini is a member. Josh was interested in having a representative from the Commission On Disability on this committee, as a key stakeholder. Barbara offered to do that, especially as she walks all over the city and extremely interested in the accessibility of pedestrian routes throughout the city. Josh said that the members of the advisory committee would act as liaisons with their particular group/constituency/community to increase more public engagement, to get the word out to many at different junctures or decision points with the Plan and the consultant working with Josh. This committee would meet 6-8 times over the course of this year, be a sounding board, discuss routes to concentrate on, etc. Councilor Bowman said that there are at least 2 other groups, the Council On Aging, and Safe Routes to Schools who also advocate for better pedestrian

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routes, safer crossings, and better sidewalks. She also mentioned, in the last override 10 years ago, that funds were added to so that DPW could install sidewalks where they were missing, as, in the past, it was a betterment and the cost was the responsibility of the homeowner to pay for a sidewalk out front of their home. Ima mentioned that snowplowing sidewalks and curb ramps are essential in the winter, in order to maintain these pedestrian networks.

7. Me2/ Concert Update & Funding Vote (6:30-6:40)

Eileen described this wonderful orchestra who have performed all over, including at Symphony Hall. Their members either have mental illness and /or are caregivers for a family member with mental illness. The performances are making a difference in destigmatizing mental illness. The concert is planned for May 7, at 3PM at Newton North High School. Although the COD had considered to pay for this performance with the Accessible Fines funds, there was not a formal vote to recommend this expenditure to the Mayor. Jane made a motion to approve the use of Accessible Fines funds to cover the \$1500 fee for the concert performed by the Me2/ Orchestra. Barbara seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 9-0 (Barbara joined the meeting at the time of the Fines reports.

8. Elliot House Presentation (6:40-7:10)

Eileen was thrilled to introduce and welcome Stephen Chaffee, Program director of the Elliot House, where she is an advisory board member. Stephen gave an informative overview of the activities and services offered to members of the community who have mental health conditions. Information about Elliot House programs can be viewed on pages 12-16. Elliot House is part of Riverside Community Care and modeled on the international Clubhouse network, a psycho social vocational rehabilitation program. It is a day /drop in program, including activities on the weekend and holidays. Staff and members work side by side with work activities. Members work on their own goals which mostly include education, employment, housing, health, and wellness. This program is voluntary, members are not required to be there a specific amount of time or days, the staff are helping members get back to work, having a place to belong, and prevent isolation. Elliot House has 2 work units, administrative (not busy work, e.g. submit billing to DMH) and food & events unit, where lunch is prepared and served every day, along with in house social events or outings. Stephen wants to get the word out about Elliot House, to the community and to businesses. He is very interested in the concert the COD is organizing and would like to co-sponsor and help with publicity, both within his network and within the local community. Stephen encourages all to come for a visit to learn more about Elliot House. Questions centered around how people can join/be referred to, size of program (140 actively enrolled, 25-30 each day), if a good fit, members can also be served by DDS and become a member of Elliot House. Lucie mentioned the Price Center, not far from Elliot House, perhaps some members would like to volunteer at the Price Center or consider a career path there. Transportation was also discussed, many ways members get to Elliot House, some drive, some take public transportation, or paratransit. Elliot House does have a van that could

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pick up a member at a T station, for example, but is not able to provide transportation for all the members.

9. Fair Housing Committee Member Recruitment (7:10-7:30)

Esther Schlorholtz, Chair, and Donna Rigg, Vice-Chair, of the Newton Fair Housing Committee (NFHC) came to interest and to recruit a COD member to also be a member of the NFHC. Esther expressed her gratitude for Rosemary Larking's efforts, who was a valuable member of both the NFHC and the COD, serving for several years on the NFHC before her death in July 2021. She is sorely missed. The mission of the NFHC is to promote and support the city's efforts to be a diverse and welcoming community, with housing choices and opportunities, free from discrimination. The NFHC has an advisory role to the Mayor, City Council, departments, and commissions/boards/committees. NFHC's aim is to ensure that policies and practices related to fair housing are woven into the city's operations and activities of the whole community. The NFHC assist the city in Affirmatively Further Fair Housing. Some of their projects include researching the results of recent lotteries for affordable apartments, review new multi-family developments, for rent and for sale, which have affordable units, with relevant criteria including accessibility and visitability. Through these reviews, the NFHC is working to ensure that there are more affordable and accessible units for people with disabilities, people of color, and people in other protected classes. The NFHC and the COD have shared goals and focus. This committee meets once a month, at 8am for 1.5 hours, on the first Wednesday, except for their July hiatus. Donna Rigg, Vice-Chair, added that the committee organizes trainings, both for members and for the community, e.g. a training for realtors in January. The meetings are virtual at the moment, and the membership of the NFHC should have a member from the COD. Barbara said she was the first COD member on the Fair Housing Committee at its inception, and she expressed interest again to become a member as she is concerned about the city having too many units at 80%AMI, which is not very affordable, and questions some of the accessibility of the new developments she has visited. In her experience, she feels that, unfortunately, the Newton Housing Authority is the biggest impediment to fair housing in this city. For the first time ever, Section 8 voucher holders received the Tenancy Addendum (the tenants' bill of rights) with their lease, which should have been provided for years.

10. Host a Virtual Advance CAM Training? (7:30-7:35)

Jini asked the COD if they would like to host a virtual Advance Community Access Monitor (CAM) Training on August 15, 2023. Although most were enthusiastic to host, many felt August was not a good month as the COD often takes a meeting hiatus in August. In addition, some new members have not yet been able to take the basic CAM training, which is a prerequisite for the Advance CAM training. The consensus was to offer to host an Advanced CAM training in 2024, a non-summer month. In the meantime, Jini will be sending the emails from MOD announcing registration for both the primary CAM training dates and the Advanced ones, usually 3 times during the year for both.

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11. NWH Subcommittee Update(7:35-7:40)

Sandra, Chair of the COD's NWH subcommittee, updated the members, saying that she and Jini are trying to find a date in March that will work for the NWH staff as Sandra is travelling right now. She hopes other Commission members will join, once a date is confirmed, in either March or possibly April. It is during the workday so that as many NWH staff can attend.

12. Members' Interest Areas & 2023 COD Goals Discussion (7:40-8:30)

Ima and Jini put together a list of areas members might like to volunteer for/cover happenings or meetings and give updates when appropriate at COD meetings, and possible goals for the COD in 2023. The list can be found on page 17. Eileen gave an example that she is very interested in mental health disabilities and de-stigmatizing mental illness. She is also interested in transportation, especially the commuter rail stations. Ima suggested to go around and members share their interest. After going over the list and giving some examples, Ima said that she was very interested in making the city playgrounds more inclusive, perhaps forming a working group to work with school staff, teachers, Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists, and students with disabilities, with PRC. She also said that all city fairs and festivals which have carnival activities or amusement rides are not the least bit accessible, there is nothing for a child using a wheelchair. Ima said that she would like to work on introducing some accessible sport activity, like accessible bikes for kids to try out, for example, and other types of activities for children with disabilities. Nyree agreed with Ima, when she was growing up there was nothing she could be part of. She offered to research and meet with city staff who organize these different events with Ima. Hattie said that Paula Gannon is planning the Harvest Fair right now, so it would be good to meet with her to plan for some accessible activities. There were outreach ideas, like needing a COD member to review and update the database used for the Fall 2021 Mental Health Awareness events, have office hours at the Senior Center or the Library to hear from residents and to have the community know more about COD, and organize events like the Me2/ Concert. Jane said her interests are around children with disabilities and also mental health conditions. Lucie's interest is in Intellectual Disabilities, to recognize these disabilities, that not all who should be served by the Department of Developmental Services are being served, as there is a staff shortage and day programs are closed. As for outreach, she feels we never hear from the public, that the COD should hear of complaints at their monthly meetings, to save time for public input each month. Lucie also suggested that the meetings be shortened by not always having to read reports that are already available and distributed to the members, and have a more open discussions. Barbara said her areas of interest are making the sidewalks more accessible, and affordable and accessible housing. Nyree is also very interested in new housing developments be more accessible, to follow the state and federal standards, as either the plans or the contractors are making mistakes, which was her experience as a new resident in a Group 2A condominium. She suggested some site visits, like spot checking, perhaps before occupancy, to ensure more adherence to these standards. Nyree is also interested in highlighting disability in many ways, like disability awareness month, in the Mayor's newsletter, or with other promotion or activities. Sandra recommended an accessible

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parking area near the Harvest Fair as it is very difficult to find an accessible parking space near where the Fair is taking place, without having to travel a distance, maybe rope off part of street or nearby parking lot that isn't being used, since the Fair is on the weekend. Sandra is also interested in accessible housing, the new developments don't have to come to the COD, but maybe we need to bring more in, and she doesn't feel that some of the lotteries are on the up and up and that the wait lists, after a lottery is done and first occupancy happens, those wait lists for affordable apartments are supposed to be kept forever. Jini was asked about how one finds out about upcoming housing developments. She mentioned there are several commissions/committees/boards that are at open public meetings, such as the Newton Housing Partnership , the Fair Housing Committee, the Zoning Board of Appeals, Land Use Council Committee, Zoning and Planning Council Committee, the Design Review Committee)mostly for city buildings). She also suggested that the COD might want to put together a survey to Newton residents to find out the issues for accessibility and discrimination due to disability that exists in Newton, what they would like to see the COD focus on, etc. Many CODs survey their community, and if interested, Jini could ask a COD or two to share their survey, so we don't have to reinvent the wheel. Ima asked everyone to email her, Eileen, and Jini as to what you would like to follow/be a watch dog for and will send you links for your area interest to follow that would be helpful. Lucie shared that a new service to keep us all informed about what is happening in Newton, including all the open public meetings the city runs, is Fig City News, started by former City Councilor Amy Sangiolo. It comes out twice a week as an email and the agenda links are provided and the Zoom links for every city-sponsored open meeting. There is also a website, too, where there are articles about events and activities happening that week. Jini said she subscribes to it and finds it very helpful. Lucie mentioned that in the past some of the COD members did visit some building projects to view the accessibility and maybe we could do that again.

13. Adjournment (8:30)

The meeting adjourned at 8:31PM.

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

NEXT MEETING DATE: March 13, 2023

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.

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Reports and Supplemental Materials:

February 2023 CDBG Report.pdf

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CDBG Access Projects Report

February 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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PARKING TICKET AND FINES REPORT

JANUARY 2023

TOTAL NUMBER OF TICKETS ISSUED	22
TOTAL VALUE OF TICKETS ISSUED	\$ 4,400.00
SUCCESSFUL APPEALS	\$ 1,400.00
TOTAL AMOUNT PAID	\$ 1,400.00
TOTAL OUTSTANDING	\$ 1,600.00

CODE # 26 ACCESSIBILITY SPOTS

NUMBER OF TICKETS ISSUED	19
TOTAL VALUE	\$ 3,800.00
SUCCESSFUL APPEALS	\$ 1,400.00
TOTAL AMOUNT PAID	\$ 800.00
TOTAL DUE	\$ 1,600.00

CODE # 27 CURB CUTS

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

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PARKING TICKET AND FINES REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2023

As of January 31st, 2023

FY 2023 Year-to-date Parking Ticket Totals

TOTAL NUMBER OF TICKETS ISSUED	249
TOTAL VALUE OF TICKETS ISSUED	\$ 54,800.00
SUCCESSFUL APPEALS	\$ 22,600.00
TOTAL AMOUNT PAID	\$ 22,000.00
TOTAL OUTSTANDING	\$ 11,200.00

CODE # 26 ACCESSIBILITY SPOTS

NUMBER OF TICKETS ISSUED	274
TOTAL VALUE	\$ 47,400.00
SUCCESSFUL APPEALS	\$ 21,800.00
TOTAL AMOUNT PAID	\$ 17,600.00
TOTAL DUE	\$ 9,000.00

CODE # 27 CURB CUTS

NUMBER OF TICKETS ISSUED	37
TOTAL VALUE	\$ 7,400.00
SUCCESSFUL APPEALS	\$ 800.00
TOTAL AMOUNT PAID	\$ 4,400.00
TOTAL DUE	\$ 2,200.00

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Treasurer's Report

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

Presented at the February 13, 2023 Newton COD Meeting

As of February 10, 2023, the balances have not changed since last month, and 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 # 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 # 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#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 February 13, 2023 Newton Commission On Disability meeting for activities during the month of January 2023.

Site Visits:

- None

Trainings:

- Accessible Parking Webinar (Ask an ADA Professional)
- Creating Inclusive Workplaces Webinar

Meeting/Events/Conference Calls:

- DRC Mtg on NewCAL and Lincoln Elliot School at 150 Jackson Rd.
- ZBA for West Newton Armory- Comprehensive Permit approved
- Retirement Party for Jayne Colino, Senior Services Director
- NewCAL community meeting
- 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

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Riverside Clubhouses Guarantee All Members

- The right to belong
- The right to return
- The right to meaningful relationships
- The right to meaningful work

RIVERSIDE CLUBHOUSES

Accreditation

Riverside Clubhouses are accredited by Clubhouse International, the internationally recognized Clubhouse accrediting entity

Clubhouse Locations

Crossroads Clubhouse

11 Williams Street • Hopedale, MA 01747

508-473-4715 • www.crossroadsclubhouse.org

Elliot House

255 Highland Ave. • Needham, MA 02494

781-449-1212 • www.elliothouse.org

Horizon House

78 Water Street • Wakefield, MA 01880

781-245-4272 • www.horizonhouseclubhouse.org

Neponset River House

595 Pleasant Street • Norwood, MA 02062

781-762-7075 • www.neponsetriverhouse.org

About Riverside Community Care

We make a difference - locally, every day

Each year Riverside Community Care provides more than 40,000 children, adolescents, and adults with a broad range of behavioral healthcare and human services. We offer mental healthcare, developmental and brain injury services, youth and early childhood programs, addiction treatment, trauma response, and more. And our work includes partnerships with local hospitals, physicians, and schools.

You can count on Riverside when you or someone you know needs help. We take your trust seriously and work hard to make a difference by delivering compassionate, locally-based, integrated care.

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Employment and Recovery Centers

Offering People with Mental Health Conditions

Hope and Opportunities
to Achieve their Full Potential

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What Are Riverside Clubhouses?

Riverside Clubhouses, with locations in Hopedale, Needham, Norwood and Wakefield, are employment and recovery centers that offer people with mental health conditions hope and opportunities to achieve their full potential. A Clubhouse provides its members a chance to be a part of a successful working community that is restorative and builds dignity and self-esteem. During the course of participation in a Clubhouse, members gain access to opportunities to connect with community, employment, education, and friendships; learn skills necessary to lead productive and satisfying lives; and are enabled to take ownership of their own recovery.

The Clubhouses are structured into work units, which are responsible for specific aspects of the program. Members and staff work together to accomplish the goals of the Clubhouse. In addition to a regular Monday through Friday work week, the Clubhouses also offer a variety of opportunities for social interaction and support on holidays, evenings, and weekends.

Clubhouse members and staff work together to support individuals with addiction concerns. Twelve-step "Dual Recovery Anonymous" meetings are offered weekly.

Activities and Opportunities

Members of Riverside Clubhouses have the opportunity to explore a variety of work activities at each Clubhouse including:

- Computer based office skills including email and internet
- Data collection, data entry, and statistical reporting
- Food services
- Reception and member outreach and orientation
- Budgeting and financial management
- Newsletter publication
- Building maintenance and horticulture

Members can receive assistance in the following:

- Securing and maintaining their financial and medical benefits

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- Health and wellness education and activities
- Securing and maintaining safe and affordable housing

Employment Services

The Clubhouses provide a range of services designed to ensure member success in the workplace. We provide assistance in job training, placement, on-the-job support, benefit management, and career advancement.

Employment opportunities include Transitional Employment placements as well as Supported or Independent Employment. Transitional Employment offers members the chance to enter, or re-enter part-time or entry level employment with intensive job support from a Clubhouse placement manager. When a member is ready for a permanent employment position, the Clubhouse provides a variety of services and supports to help them find and keep a job that matches their skills and interests.

Services include:

- Career planning
- Resume writing
- **Job search**
- **Interview preparation**

Ongoing employment support

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SOCIAL & LEISURE OPPORTUNITIES

Activities & Socialization

- Create a new circle of friends
- Visit different places on outings
- Try new and exciting things
- Enjoy delicious food
- Be accepted

Media

- Computer labs/wi-fi: access the internet, email, and social media
- Technology available for photo creation, movie making, music, and more
- Writing and design opportunities for Clubhouse publications

If you can't find what you need at the Clubhouse, we'll help you locate the resources!

Find Your Riverside Clubhouse

Crossroads Clubhouse • Hopedale, MA

Elliot House • Needham, MA

Horizon House • Wakefield, MA

Neponset River House • Norwood, MA

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Additional cool stuff depending on location!

Riverside Community Care

THE HELP YOU NEED CLOSE TO HOME

While Riverside Clubhouses are for anyone over the age of 18, we have special supports for young adults who want to use our services and explore all that a Clubhouse offers — when needed and on your own schedule.

SERVICES AVAILABLE

Need help getting a job?

- Choose your level of job support
- Select from a variety of job programs
- Get help writing your resume

Looking to go back to school?

- Get assistance preparing for your GED/HiSET
- Get help applying to college (there's often financial aid available that we can help you access)

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- Work at your own pace

Want to develop work skills?

- Culinary training and food service (ServSafe) certificate assistance
- Office skills: reception, typing, data entry
- Certification assistance: Peer Specialist, CPR, first aid, and many more

Individualized assistance that you request

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2023 Goals: a few ideas for items to watch:

1. **Affordable and accessible housing needs for people with disabilities:**
 - Armory apartment complex
 - Haywood House
 2. **Public Building Projects:**
 - NewCAL
 - Lincoln Elliot School at 150 Jackson Road
 - Countryside School Renovation
 - Franklin School Renovation
 3. **PRC Projects:**
 - Levingston Cove (under construction)
 - Gath Pool
 - Crystal Lake Park improvements
 - Marty Sender Greenway (Phase II)
 4. **Accessibility at parks, other than mentioned above:**
 - trails
 - walking bridges
 - buildings
 5. **Accessible Transportation:**
 - NewMo
 - Newton Highlands T Station
 - Chestnut Hill, Eliot, and Waban T stations
 - 3 Newton Commuter Rail Stations
 6. **Emergency Preparedness information for people with disabilities:**
 - accessible/inclusive emergency drills in public buildings
 7. **Inclusive playgrounds**
 - Can we offer guidance for PTOs and Parks and Rec.
 8. **Accessibility and safety issues in and around schools**
 - accessible parking
 - snow removal for access and playgrounds so kids can go outside during recess
 - accessible field trips policy
 - accessible bathrooms
 - accessible and inclusive emergency drills
 9. **Accessible and inclusive events and festivals:**
 - Harvest Fair
 - Inclusive Carnivals for children
 10. **Accessible and inclusive sports opportunities**
 - Waypoint Adventure - <https://www.waypointadventure.org/>
 - Bike Newton - <https://www.bikenewton.org/>
 - SMILE Mass - <https://smilemass.org/>
 - Volt Hockey and Power Soccer at Boston Self Help Center - <https://bostonselfhelpcenter.org/sports-teams/volt-hockey>
 - Mass Universal Access Program - <https://www.mass.gov/adaptive-recreational-programs-and-events>
 - Access Sport America - <https://www.nchpad.org/Directories/Organizations/2263/Access~Sport~America>
 11. **Outreach - activities need to be reviewed with Hattie:**
 - Review and Update existing COD database of disability organizations in Newton and the surrounding area.
 - Collect e-mail addresses of Newton residents interested in the COD and its activities
 - Office hours at Senior Center or library
 - Outreach events like the Me2 Orchestra concert
- Social Media