



CITY OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Commission On Disability

MINUTES

Meeting Date: December 11, 2023

Room: Zoom

Time: 6:00PM

Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

Barney Heath,
Director, Planning &
Development

Lara Kritzer
Director, Housing &
Community Development

Sharon Cullins
Planner
Community Development

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Commission Members Present:

Ima Jonsdottir, Co-Chair, participating remotely
Eileen Sandberg, 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
Jack Lovett, participating remotely
Matt Volpi, participating remotely

Staff:

Jini Fairley, ADA Coordinator
Lara Kritzer, Planning
Nika Sandal, Planning
Sharon Cullins, Planning
Hattie Kerwin Derrick, Mayor's Office
Alfredo Vargas, DPW

Guests:

Heather Wood
Jo-Louise Allen
Rob Caruso

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

The meeting started at 6:03 with 8 members present, and 3 joined shortly afterwards.

2. Approval of the November 13, 2023 Meeting Minutes (6:05-6:10)

Ima asked for the approval of the 11/13/23/ meeting minutes, hearing no changes. Jane made a motion to approve the minutes as read and distributed. Jack seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 8-0-2 (Barbara and Nyree abstained).

3. Accessible Fines Reports (6:10-6:15)

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Sgt. Wade gave 4 months of activities/tickets issued and on FY24 year to date. These reports can be found on pages 9-13. Barbara asked if the curb cut violations are occurring at the same locations. Sgt. Wade said he does not have that information regarding where the curb cuts are located to see if some are frequently being blocked.

4. CDBG Report (6:15-6:20)

Sharon gave the CDBG Access Project report which can be viewed on pages 7-8.

5. FY25 CDBG Potential Projects (6:20-6:35)

Ima mentioned that descriptions and cost estimates for the 3 potential projects for FY25 CDBG funding, sent out today. Information on these 3 projects can be found on pages 14-17. Josh Morse sent an evaluation that it would be costly and impossible to create a restroom that is accessible in the Auburndale Library. For the other 2 were DPW projects, Beacon/Langley/Sumner intersections (total cost estimate is \$306,000 with ARPA funds covering \$190,000) and the second project at Watertown/Chapel intersection (cost estimate range from \$125,000-167,000) and Alfredo gave the reasons for the cost estimates and was present to answer any questions. Ima asked if it is known as to how much of last year's allocation remains after the City Hall Drive project. Alfredo said that the actual cost was \$32,500, which would work out to be approximately \$60,000 balance that can be used for the FY25 CDBG funded project. Barbara was frustrated by receiving the cost estimates and scope only today. She is familiar with some of the curb ramps at this intersection but a refresher on the Newton Centre would have been helpful. Ima suggested she could organize a site visit to both the potential project intersections, using the conceptual plans before the vote in January. Sandra asked if the conceptual plans will become the primary plan and that the cost estimates are not going to change. Alfredo said he has confidence both in the plans and the estimates. Ima asked about improving the safety of crossing Sumner, and he said that the plan is to move the crosswalk a little north, and to construct curb extensions, which will give more visibility of the crossing pedestrian and the distance to cross will be shortened. He could look at whether the planter with vegetation should be investigated if the city has control there. Lucie asked if there is anything can be implemented to slow down someone using a wheelchair coming down Langley Road, either side, to Beacon St. Alfredo said they will do their best to make the curb ramps and extensions ADA compliant but not designed to stop or slow down the steep incline of the road.

6. MAAB Variance-15 Cypress St. (6:35-6:45)

Jini and Alfredo explained that there was a complaint about the Cypress St. municipal parking lot, not having the required number of accessible parking spaces and access aisles and proper signage. In order to make those improvements, the city needs time to improve the surface so all dimensions of the spaces and access aisles are compliant. Temporarily, the city was able to restripe for 3 accessible parking spaces and access aisles and added signage so created the additional accessible space, but a more permanent solution will need to be accomplished in the spring. So the variance is requesting time relief as these improvements could not be done within the 90 day requirement for a complaint. Jack asked when this parking lot was constructed and the accessible parking spaces. Alfredo said the parking lot was built in the 50s and he didn't

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know when the accessible parking spaces were installed, but they looked very old. Jane made a motion to support the city's time relief variance as requested, for the Cypress St. parking lot and the work to be accomplished in the spring of 2024. Lucie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 10-0. Jini will email the MAAB of the COD's support tomorrow.

7. Accessible Parking Space at Beacon/Centre (6:45-7:00)

Jini reported that she had received a complaint by a resident deploying a ramp on the passenger side of a van, encountering the sidewalk sloping towards the curb. This parking space is at 827 Beacon St., installed about a year or so ago. However, it works well for vans with rear ramp deployment and for other disabilities, as one can walk behind the parking space to the corner to the crosswalk and the curb ramp at the intersection of Beacon St. at Centre St. The question is whether to move the accessible parking space around onto Centre St. back close to a driveway behind those buildings at the corner. However, it is not as close to the Beacon St. businesses and doesn't look like it will be accessible for rear ramp deployment. Perhaps rather than replacing the 827 Beacon St. with one on Centre, that the Beacon St. accessible space remains and a second accessible parking space is installed. Alfredo explained why it would be infeasible to level the sloped part of the sidewalk on Beacon St. due to businesses basements under the sidewalk. Much discussion ensued, with concerns of safety as the Centre St. drive lanes are very close to the parking spaces, that there may not be enough room behind the Centre St. space for rear van ramps. A motion was made by Jane, to explore and possibly request to the Traffic Council to add an accessible parking space on Centre St., closest to the intersection with Beacon and Beacon Place, but leave the accessible space at 827 Beacon St. Lucie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 9-0.

8. Treasurer's Report (7:00-7:05)

Jane gave the Treasurer's report and can be viewed on page 18.

9. ADA Coordinator's Report (7:05-7:10)

Jini gave the ADA activities for the month of November, which can be found on page 19. She highlighted an event, Inclusionary Design Newton (IDN) created by disability advocates in Newton Centre to experience mobility via a wheelchair. Many department staff participated, including Mayor Fuller, and 18 Councilors. It was an excellent opportunity to discover what it feels like crossing streets, curb ramps, and some rough sidewalks. Jini also highlighted her attendance at 2 Public Safety & Transportation Council Committee meetings regarding the winter overnight parking ban. Both were information gathering for the possibility of exempting residents with disabilities with a valid disability parking placard. This will need to be redocketed in 2024 since the 2-year legislative session ends at the end of 2023. There was concern as to how many more vehicles would be parked on the street in the winter and whether the patrol officers will be able to see the placard through frosted or a light snow covering. There would still need to be a process, in order to identify these vehicles. Right now, Jini said she requests a reasonable accommodation to the Police and provide vehicle information and the

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resident's contact information, and the key information is the license plate number which is listed for the overnight patrol officers. Ima said that the COD Co-Chairs did send a letter to the PS&T committee and she received a response from Councilor Downs that, if an exemption is given for holders of valid disability parking placards, that it would be a policy change not an amendment to the ordinance, since the ordinance will most likely be on the 2025 city ballot. Jack added that the additional signatures were obtained to have the Winter Overnight Parking Ban on the 2025 ballot and the signatures are now being verified to confirm.

10. NWH/COD Subcommittee Meeting Report (7:10-7:20)

At the last minute, Sandra was unable to be at the quarterly meeting with NWH staff, so Jini and Nancy reported on it. Good news from the Facilities Director is that he has an increase of funds to %\$250,000 for access improvements around the campus, and that same amount additionally to redesign and construct the West building entrance so that one does not need to find the push button to enter and the revolving doors will also be taken out. The Director of Radiology said that he has increased the number of adjustable tables for x-rays, etc. and will look into getting an accessible mammogram machine, as they have in other MassGeneralBrigham facilities. Nancy added that they are making progress on Wayfinding signage and that she and Jini gave them more ideas as to how they can increase their accessibility information on their website, such as providing a map of where the accessible parking spaces are throughout the campus. Jini also mentioned, as she and Sandra pointed out in the summer, that proper signage of these accessible parking spaces need the posted sign wherever the design on the ground is painted.

11. 2024 COD Awareness Event (7:20-7:40)

This agenda item was inadvertently skipped over, so was discussed briefly at the end of the meeting. Ima would like an event where a good-size audience would be possible, as happened at last May's Mental Health Awareness event. She suggested combining perhaps the Me2/ Chorus along with performances by Newton disabled adults or students musicians/artists/performers. Lucie mentioned a band that performs in Needham but some members are from Newton and have disabilities, called Plugged In. There are adaptive dance groups/classes, too. Other suggestions included a sports theme, such as Athletes Unlimited basketball game or a focus on the opening of the Gath Pool or with other accessible sports organizations, such as Waypoint Adventures or AccessSportAmerica. There was a question about events in the past, which were also indoors/zoom, in 2020 there was ADA Jeopardy and a Mayor's Proclamation of the 30th anniversary of the signing of the ADA. In 2021, there were several virtual mental health awareness COD-sponsored events in October, such as a photo exhibit and talk and a movie and discussion, and support for a disabled artist creating chalk art. Sandra and others suggested, if we had a performance event at NNHS theater, that the lobby is quite large and student artist could display their work/craft, and also organizations, as the Eliot house did, who have a disability focus, like a resource fair. For a possible date, Ima and Eileen will reach out to Me2/ Chorus, Plugged In, NNHS Theater Director, and teachers of student performers, to begin with, which all felt was necessary to do sooner

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than later. Ima asked all to consider these different ideas and discuss more specifics next month.

12. Co-Chairs' Updates (7:40-7:50)

Ima reported on her monthly work on the NPS Anti-Ableist curriculum and she had sent out an informative update on this work to COD members as well. Ima said language was the topic for this working group last month and she advocated for keeping the term disability since many wanted to use neurodiversity for everyone. She had done an informal survey of people with physical disabilities who do not like other terms, such as differently-abled or neurodiverse. Jack commented that he agrees with Ima, that he would have not received the accommodations he was given as a student if terms other than disability were used, and he finds those other terms to be patronizing. Nancy said it can complicate matters when a term is used, other than disability, in the medical arena, especially for reimbursement, for example, for OT, PT, and speech therapy. Ima said that at her meeting of the working group it was pointed out that for legal reasons, disability must be used. Eileen pointed out that neurodiverse or neurodivergent does not represent all disabilities, and also that we must be open to the fact that individuals can Self-identify however they choose.

As reported earlier, the Co-Chairs sent a letter to PS&T and was well received by the Chair, Councilor Downs.

13. Nominations Update (7:50- 7:55)

14. Ima reminded members about COD officer elections in January, that members can nominate themselves or another member for the 3 officer positions, 2 Co-Chairs and Treasurer. She and Eileen and Jini are available to speak with members about these roles before the January election. Matt, Chair of the Nominations Committee, added that he has received one nomination but would like more. Also, that nominations can be made at the January meeting, before the voting takes place. Just send an email to Matt with your nominations and Matt will reach out to anyone nominated before January's meeting so that they can consider the position. Ima declared that she is willing to serve as Co-Chair for another year.

15. 2024 COD Meeting Dates (7:55-8:00)

Jini provided the 2024 dates for COD meetings. These dates can be viewed on page 20. There are 2 months where a holiday conflicts with the COD's usual second Monday of the month, in October and November 2024, where the COD meeting will be on the 3rd Monday of those months.

16. Adjournment (8:00)

The meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.

These minutes were prepared and respectfully submitted by Jini Fairley, staff to the Newton Commission On Disability.

NEXT MEETING DATE: January 8, 2024

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Supplemental Materials:

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CDBG Access Projects Report

December 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.

The LAX practice wall was impacting the perimeter pathway construction. The League was given a deadline for the 3rd of April to fundraise for said wall and has not responded in time. In lieu of the wall, the pathway will be able to run around the entire perimeter of the park with entry/exits on Washington St and Myrtle St. Designer is re-assessing the parking lot side of the park as well as reconfiguring the irrigation system and redoing the fence around the tennis courts to provide an accessible entry. Due to the rise in costs, the pathway cost is higher than expected, and Parks has requested the Community Preservation Committee to cover the gap of \$48,000, which they agreed to. With the addition of playable fields, McGrath has become close to a million-dollar project. The most up to date design of the park and perimeter was presented during the May meeting. DPW is moving forward with arranging all necessary documentation for the Conservation Commission permit. As they were preparing the Notice of Intent for the Conservation Commission, it came to light that the pathway exceeds the amount of impervious area allotted, which in turn triggers a necessary stormwater permit that must be completed by DPW. DPW is now working to identify a funding source for the required drainage systems.

DPW is moving toward final design construction documents and expects to go before the Conservation Commission and out for construction bid this Winter. **No new update.**

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 completed the scope of work and concept design for this project. Project was presented at the December 2022 meeting. DPW posted the bid on the City of

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Newton's website on January 5th. The bid opening date was January 19th. The contractor chosen was Antonellis Construction. The bid came in just a little under \$150,000. Construction started on May 30th, 2023, and ended on June 16th. Although the bulk of the project has been completed, there is a vendor back order. Antonellis Construction is waiting for the push button for the RRFB. It is expected to be in stock mid to late September. In addition, DPW is waiting for the final as-built inspection and report from the Contractor. The Push buttons have been installed. The contractor submitted an as-built plan, but there was some comments and are waiting for the contractor to submit the revised as-built plan. **Still waiting for an as-built plan.**

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. The contractor chosen for this project is Antonellis Construction. Work is set to start on September 9th, 2023. Antonellis is hopeful that the work will be completed in 2 to 3 days of work. After their work is completed DPW will be responsible for the regrading of the pavement and stripping to keep costs down. Majority of the work has been completed. The contractor needs to install pedestrian crossing signs and DPW needs to restripe the crosswalks and reset brick to make the work level. **The pedestrian crossing signs have been installed, the crosswalks restriped, and concrete was put in place of the brick to ensure to that it is level with the existing brick. Just waiting on the compliance paperwork from the contractor.**

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PARKING TICKET AND FINES REPORT

August 2023

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| TOTAL NUMBER OF TICKETS ISSUED | 11 |
| TOTAL VALUE OF TICKETS ISSUED | \$ 2,200.00 |
| SUCCESSFUL APPEALS | \$ 400.00 |
| TOTAL AMOUNT PAID | \$ 800.00 |
| TOTAL OUTSTANDING | \$ 1,000.00 |

CODE # 26 ACCESSIBILITY SPOTS

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| NUMBER OF TICKETS ISSUED | 9 |
| TOTAL VALUE | \$ 1,800.00 |
| SUCCESSFUL APPEALS | \$ 200.00 |
| TOTAL AMOUNT PAID | \$ 600.00 |
| TOTAL DUE | \$ 1,000.00 |

CODE # 27 CURB CUTS

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| NUMBER OF TICKETS ISSUED | 2 |
| TOTAL VALUE | \$ 400.00 |
| SUCCESSFUL APPEALS | \$ 200.00 |
| TOTAL AMOUNT PAID | \$ 200.00 |
| TOTAL DUE | \$ 000.00 |

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PARKING TICKET AND FINES REPORT

September 2023

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| TOTAL NUMBER OF TICKETS ISSUED | 14 |
| TOTAL VALUE OF TICKETS ISSUED | \$ 2,800.00 |
| SUCCESSFUL APPEALS | \$ 600.00 |
| TOTAL AMOUNT PAID | \$ 1,200.00 |
| TOTAL OUTSTANDING | \$ 1,000.00 |

CODE # 26 ACCESSIBILITY SPOTS

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| NUMBER OF TICKETS ISSUED | 12 |
| TOTAL VALUE | \$ 2,400.00 |
| SUCCESSFUL APPEALS | \$ 600.00 |
| TOTAL AMOUNT PAID | \$ 1,000.00 |
| TOTAL DUE | \$ 800.00 |

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| NUMBER OF TICKETS ISSUED | 2 |
| TOTAL VALUE | \$ 400.00 |
| SUCCESSFUL APPEALS | \$ 000.00 |
| TOTAL AMOUNT PAID | \$ 200.00 |
| TOTAL DUE | \$ 200.00 |

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PARKING TICKET AND FINES REPORT

October 2023

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| TOTAL NUMBER OF TICKETS ISSUED | 13 |
| TOTAL VALUE OF TICKETS ISSUED | \$ 2,600.00 |
| SUCCESSFUL APPEALS | \$ 800.00 |
| TOTAL AMOUNT PAID | \$ 1,400.00 |
| TOTAL OUTSTANDING | \$ 400.00 |

CODE # 26 ACCESSIBILITY SPOTS

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| NUMBER OF TICKETS ISSUED | 10 |
| TOTAL VALUE | \$ 2,000.00 |
| SUCCESSFUL APPEALS | \$ 800.00 |
| TOTAL AMOUNT PAID | \$ 800.00 |
| TOTAL DUE | \$ 400.00 |

CODE # 27 CURB CUTS

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| 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

November 2023

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| TOTAL NUMBER OF TICKETS ISSUED | 36 |
| TOTAL VALUE OF TICKETS ISSUED | \$ 7,200.00 |
| SUCCESSFUL APPEALS | \$ 1,200.00 |
| TOTAL AMOUNT PAID | \$ 2,800.00 |
| TOTAL OUTSTANDING | \$ 3,200.00 |

CODE # 26 ACCESSIBILITY SPOTS

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| NUMBER OF TICKETS ISSUED | 35 |
| TOTAL VALUE | \$ 7,000.00 |
| SUCCESSFUL APPEALS | \$ 1,200.00 |
| TOTAL AMOUNT PAID | \$ 2,600.00 |
| TOTAL DUE | \$ 3,200.00 |

CODE # 27 CURB CUTS

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| NUMBER OF TICKETS ISSUED | 1 |
| TOTAL VALUE | \$ 200.00 |
| SUCCESSFUL APPEALS | \$ 000.00 |
| TOTAL AMOUNT PAID | \$ 200.00 |
| TOTAL DUE | \$ 000.00 |

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PARKING TICKET AND FINES REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2024

As of November 30, 2023

FY 2024 Year-to-date Parking Ticket Totals

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| TOTAL NUMBER OF TICKETS ISSUED | 107 |
| TOTAL VALUE OF TICKETS ISSUED | \$ 21,400 |
| SUCCESSFUL APPEALS | \$ 5,000 |
| TOTAL AMOUNT PAID | \$ 7,600 |
| TOTAL OUTSTANDING | \$ 8,800.00 |

CODE # 26 ACCESSIBILITY SPOTS

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| NUMBER OF TICKETS ISSUED | 93 |
| TOTAL VALUE | \$ 18,600.00 |
| SUCCESSFUL APPEALS | \$ 4,800.00 |
| TOTAL AMOUNT PAID | \$ 6,000.00 |
| TOTAL DUE | \$ 7,800.00 |

CODE # 27 CURB CUTS

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| NUMBER OF TICKETS ISSUED | 14 |
| TOTAL VALUE | \$ 2,800.00 |
| SUCCESSFUL APPEALS | \$ 200.00 |
| TOTAL AMOUNT PAID | \$ 1,600.00 |
| TOTAL DUE | \$ 1,000.00 |

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CDBG Potential Projects:

Auburndale Community Library- accessible restroom

Here are concerns about the project from Public Buildings Commissioner Josh Morse.

Impact to the occupants:

While the volunteer group that runs the ACL is extremely supportive of accessibility upgrades in general, they have not been supportive of this project for several reasons.

- **Space Impact** - There is only one location where this restroom could be located without detrimental impacts to the function of the program. The location is the only staff area in the building. Therefore this would require the staff to move their operations to the basement which is not only inaccessible, but it was not designed for occupancy, and it would remove the staff from the patrons. The circulation desk would no longer be functional, so the ACL would need to either create a mobile circulation desk system for check-outs, returns, and reference, or another construction project would be needed to modify the building to preserve the functionality of the library.
- **Cleaning and Stocking the Restroom** - The ACL is run completely by volunteers and funded exclusively through small donations. They do not have the resources to clean the public restroom, nor do they have the funds to stock the toiletries.

Cost:

The cost for this project is likely somewhere around \$350K. Some people may think that this project is similar to the accessible restroom we created at City Hall several years ago. The City Hall Project would cost \$200K today, and it was far simpler for many reasons. Unlike City Hall, there is no plumbing in the vicinity at the ACL and the structural modifications that would be needed will need to be evaluated before a cost can be determined. If we were to move forward with this project, we would need to first approve ~\$25K to complete the feasibility design work to include structural, architectural, and engineering reviews as well as minor selective demolition to better understand the challenges that the 1920's building will present.

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DPW Project: Curb Ramps at Watertown & Chapel Streets Intersection

The scope of work consists of implementing pedestrian access improvements at the intersection of Watertown Street and Chapel Street. The work includes reconstructing three existing apex curb ramps at three corners of the intersection to split them up into two perpendicular curb ramps per corner, reconfiguring the existing traffic signals so the pedestrian push buttons are adequately positioned near the level landings, and restriping the existing crosswalks and stop lines. There is a fourth existing apex curb ramp at the northeast corner of the intersection that will be left as an apex curb ramp due the presence of existing above ground utilities at this corner that are too complex to move to make room and make splitting this curb ramp into two perpendicular curb ramps not practical.

The revised construction cost estimates are \$125,110 for the option that matches the conceptual plan, which would rely solely on the addition of 4 foot ped posts and push buttons. This was previously \$120K. And for the option that would require splitting up the ped ramps, adding 4 foot ped posts and push buttons, and relocating up to 3 existing traffic signal posts, the revised cost would be \$167,860. This was previously \$150K.

[1] CONCEPT Plan

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DPW Project: Curb Ramps at the intersections of Beacon, Langley, and Sumner Streets

The scope of work consists of constructing curb extensions at the northbound approach of Langley Road and both corners of the Sumner Street approach to the intersection. The project also consists of reconstructing the existing pedestrian curb ramps to be ADA compliant within the project limits and realigning the existing crosswalks to be more perpendicular to the curb ramps.

The revised construction cost estimate is \$306,400. As I indicated before, the main reasons for the increase have to do with cost escalation, inflation, and the complexity of the project. The scope of work and quantities haven't change, but the unit prices have. We have unit prices for similar projects that took place this year and took that information into account. We also considered the complexity of this project more carefully. Things like the number of police details that might be required, the duration of the project due to restrictions, and temporary traffic controls. Under the restrictions category, we considered things like the time of the day when the contractor might be allowed to do work or the number of pedestrian ramps where they will be allowed to work at a time to ensure access during construction.

Given that we have \$190K in ARPA funds for this project, the difference and amount we will need to supplement funding for constructions is \$116,400.

2020-XX Langley-Sumner-Beacon-CONCEPT PLAN-CONCEPT.pdf

EXISTING CATCH BASIN

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LANGLEY RD

BEACON ST

SUMNER ST

BEACON ST

LANGLEY RD

PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN RAMP

EXISTING

CATCH BASIN

PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN RAMP WITH CURB EXTENSION

EXISTING CATCH BASIN

EXISTING CATCH BASIN PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN RAMP OPENING

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FOR THE PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS OF THE LANGLEY RD AT SUMNER ST AT BEACON ST

INTERSECTION

CONCEPT PLAN

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CITY OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Commission On Disability

Treasurer's Report

Given by Jane Brown, Treasurer of the Newton Commission On Disability (COD)
Presented at the December 11, 2023 Newton COD Meeting
As of December 1, 2023, the balances of the COD accounts 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: \$ 76,889.60

Account 01C60218-524090 Set up to purchase accessible play equipment for Williams School Playground

Type: Special Appropriations

Balance: \$10,831.12

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: \$6415.38

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

Type: Special Appropriations

Balance: \$0.00

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 December 11, 2023 Newton Commission On Disability meeting, for activities during the month of November 2023.

Site Visits:

- Newton Centre – Curb ramps, crosswalks, and sidewalks with Inclusive Design Newton (IDN) event- excellent

Trainings:

- Accessible Meetings-Virtual/Hybrid/In-Person- very good

Meeting/Events/Conference Calls:

- PS&T Committee- on Winter Overnight Parking Ban
- DRT, DRC/SBC & Working Group meetings- Countryside School
- Finance Committee- transfer for Operation Access
- DRC/SBC & Working Group meetings -Franklin School
- Ribbon-Cutting for Levingston Cove- excellent accessibility!
- DRC/SBC & Working Group meetings for Horace Mann addition
- Public Facilities & Fin Committees- site plan for Countryside
- COD/NWHSubcommittee quarterly meeting
- Washington St. Pilot community meeting
- DRT for 40B proposed housing on Crafts St.
- Fair Housing Committee (FHC)- attend monthly meetings
- Complete Streets Committee & Road Paving- attend bi-weekly meetings
- CODs Alliance monthly meeting

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2024 Newton Commission On Disability Meeting Dates

Below are the Commission On Disability meeting dates for the 2024 calendar year:

Monday, January 8, 2024
Monday, February 12, 2024
Monday, March 11, 2024
Monday, April 8, 2024
Monday, May 13, 2024
Monday, June 10, 2024
Monday, July 8, 2024
Monday, August 12, 2024
Monday, September 9, 2024
*Monday, October 21, 2024
*Monday, November 18, 2024
Monday, December 9, 2024

*The Commission usually meets on the second Monday of every month, unless there is a conflict with a civic or religious holiday. The * dates are the exceptions this year due to 2 national holidays. In October, 2024, due to Indigenous Peoples Day on October 14, the COD meeting will be held on the third Monday of that month, . In November, due to the Veterans holiday on November 11, the COD meeting will be held on the third Monday of that month.