

Sharon Disabilities Commission

Minutes, August 27, 2014

Present: Paul Remy, Jana Katz, Susan Myerson, Faye Berzon, Geila Aronson and Sandy Biber.

Jeffrey Jacobson, Jim Waters, and Linda Salon were unable to attend.

The meeting was called to order at 7:08pm. Minutes from the June 2014 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Paul noted that both Linda Salon and Jeffrey Jacobson had resigned due to conflicts with other personal obligations. There was brief discussion of possible candidates for the Commission. One suggestion came from Faye – Lois Diamond. It was agreed that Faye would suggest that Lois contact Paul if interested.

Treasurer's report:

No report was available.

Public Input:

None noted.

Nomination of Officers:

Paul made the following nominations:

- Chairperson, Paul Remy
- Co-Chairperson, Jana Katz
- Secretary, Sandy Biber
- Treasurer, Geila Aronson

All were elected unamously.

Old Business:

I. Train Station Construction

Paul noted that the work was largely complete, and was hopeful that it would be complete by October. There was a review of the wording of the plaque dedicating the platform to Sid Rosenthal; it was agreed that the suggested change would be forwarded to the MBTA.

The Commission authorized Paul to gather and foreword to the MBTA additional information about Sid from the family, from Norma Fitzgerald (COA), and from an article Susan had written about Sid and his work with the Disability Commission.

II. Review of Bark in the Park Fundraiser

There was a brief discussion regarding the idea of a fundraiser that was targeted to connect closely with the goals of the commission. One idea suggested was to raise

funds towards making the Ames Street playground accessible. It was agreed to table further discussion for the September Commission meeting.

III. Wards Handicapped Parking

It was noted that issues remain. Paul volunteered to follow up on behalf of the Commission. This was agreed upon.

IV. Mural Project

There was discussion of the limited availability Tova had to support a new mural. Additionally, Jana mentioned that she had wondered if having a second mural focused on an accessibility theme would distract from the first mural, now installed at the lakefront. She also raised the question of “diluting” our giving by supporting too many projects, and wondered if our financial support for a new mural would detract from our ability to provide a scholarship for a graduating senior.

Paul suggested that perhaps a T-shirt with part of the design from the beachfront mural could be sold as a fundraiser for the Commission, and also to support ticket purchases for low-income town citizens who would otherwise be unable to attend the Gala Ball 250 Anniversary Celebration.

These ideas were discussed further. It was agreed that Paul and Jana would represent the Commission at the 250 Anniversary Advisory Committee, and discuss mural funding and creation of a 250 anniversary T-shirt by the Commission.

New Business:

Faye shared an article regarding an affirmative business opening in Brookline.

The next meeting date was changed to September 17 to avoid conflict with the Jewish holiday of Rosh Hashanah.

Next Meeting

September 17, 2014, 7 pm

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved. The meeting was closed at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sandy Biber