

March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Fitchburg Disability Commission Monthly Meeting  
In-Person Meeting@ 1:30pm.  
Commission Members:

Bill Tolos, Chair	Present	
Marshal Haneisen		Absent
Dan Cunningham		Absent
Sharon Tardiff	Present	
Doris Matte	Present	
Carolyn Quirk	Present	
Deanna Tardiff		Absent

Amy LeBlanc and Nicholas Carbone attended the Fitchburg Disability Commission Meeting.

**Item 1: Reading of the Minutes** Meeting commenced at 1:30pm.  
December and February Minutes were voted on and accepted.

**Item 2: Announcements/Notices/Events:**

**Item 3: Open Forum:**

**Item 4: Update and discussion of new vestibule at 655 Main St., ADA Requirements:**

Bill Lorigan from Lorigan Architects presented design plans with ADA requirements for the vestibule of Dario's Restaurant that will be located at 655 Main Street. Update: Additional correspondence needed to recommend plans.

**Item 5: Update and discussion for relief for requirements of 2<sup>nd</sup> handrail for Clarendon and Fairmount St., Apartments.** Mark Dohan from Newvue came to discuss the renovations at 128 Fairmount St., 42 Clarendon St., and 105 Plymouth St., in Fitchburg. It was decided that the Disability Commission would do a site visit on the following Tuesday, at 10:00am, February 15<sup>th</sup>. Members were encouraged to attend and meet at 128 Fairmount St., to view the Staircases, 1<sup>st</sup> floor accessible apartments and the parking lot.

**Update:** The site visit was conducted and it was determined that the width of the staircase is too narrow to support the 2<sup>nd</sup> handrail, commission to submit letter to recommend the variance be approved without the 2<sup>nd</sup> handrail.

Disability Commission Meetings will be held in the **EAST** Meeting Room at Fitchburg City Hall, 718 Main Street the second Wednesday of each month beginning September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 1:30pm. If you enter the front door of City Hall, the meeting room will be directly to your **LEFT**. Parking is behind the legislative building off of Wood Place, or on street.

**Item 6: Accessible Art Project:** Monthly classes are being held at the ARC of Opportunity, and the Senior Center, classes are limited to ten people, due to COVID 19. Working on putting

together an Art Exhibit for all the classes to showcase their works. Looking to hold the Art Show sometime in May 2022.

**Item 7: Crosswalk across Electric Ave., at Old Deerfield Road:** Complaint received that there is no curb cut and the crosswalk that is located there is very faded and needs to be repainted. Site visit will be performed to determine what needs to be done. **DPW to be contacted.**

**Item 8: Update – Mask requirement at Fitchburg Library:** Mask requirement has been lifted.

**Item 9: Old Business:**

- a. Membership: *Ongoing.*
- b. Received complaint: Crosswalk at Main and Mechanic not working, there is no chirping sound, this issue needs to be addressed. **Waiting for confirmation that this issue has been addressed and is being repaired.**
- c. **Community Access Training:** The Commission discussed holding the Community Access Training in Fitchburg for all members to attend and also Commissioners in surrounding towns/Cities. The Commission went and looked at possible sites that could be used for holding the Community Access Training Course. The Disability Commission would like to host this event in the upcoming future.
- d. A number of curb cuts were discussed at open forum, there are several curb cuts located throughout the city that need attention, a list will be presented to the Department of Public Works. Some of the streets are listed below: List has been updated.  
Rollstone Road needs curb cut.  
Caldwell Street handicap spots need curb cut.  
Handicap Parking at Anwelt Complex will be reviewed for compliance.  
Status of list to be updated next meeting

**Item 10: Motion to adjourn,** meeting at 2:45pm. The next meeting will be April 13th, 2022, at 1:30pm, Wednesday, in-person at City Hall.

