

May 11, 2022, Fitchburg Disability Commission Monthly Meeting  
In-Person Meeting@ 1:30pm.

Commission Members:

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

Amy LeBlanc and Josiah Richards attended the Fitchburg Disability Commission Meeting.

**Item 1: Reading of the Minutes** Meeting commenced at 1:30pm.

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

- a. Ribbon Cutting Event at the Sam Pawlak Inclusive Playground, Thursday, May 12, 2022 @3:30pm at Parkhill Park, Pratt Road Entrance. Join us for a ribbon cutting at Fitchburg's newly improved Parkhill Park Playground!
- b. MOD Zoom Training Meeting on June 9, 2022, 10-1pm.
- c. 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 3: Open Forum:**

- a. Fitchburg Open Space and Recreation Plan Community Forum, Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm Fitchburg Legislative Building, 700 Main Street, Fitchburg, MA.
- b. Josiah Richards, Disability Law Center, gave an overview of the what the Disability Law Center does.
- c. Community Mapping thoughts on how to gather information and resources related to the community and how to present the information so everyone can have access to it. Have a permanent location where residents can meet.

**Item 4: 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 September 2022 at the Fitchburg Senior Center. Classes are ongoing.

**Item 5: Revising the Disability Brochure:** Discussion to update the Brochure and turn it into a two-sided single panel with just the key contact info. Taking a poll/vote to see if there is a more desirable time to meet.

**Item 6: 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.*  
**Crosswalk needs to be re-painted and curb cut added. Waiting for confirmation that this issue has been addressed and is being repaired. Tabled for now.**

**Item 7: 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.  
**Update: CAM Training will be held virtually for the next several months.**  
Cam Training – June Host: Newton Commission on Disability  
Cam Training - September Host: Acton Commission on Disability  
Cam Training – November Host: Pittisfield Commission on Disability  
Location: Virtual on ZOOM
- 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.  
Ramp at City Hall.  
Status of list to be updated next meeting

**Item 8: Motion to adjourn,** meeting at 2:45pm. The next meeting will be June 8th, 2022, at 1:30pm, Wednesday, in-person at City Hall.