

September 8, 2021, Fitchburg Disability Commission Monthly Meeting
In-Person Meeting@2:00pm.
Commission Members:

Bill Tolos, Chair	Present
Sharon Tardiff	Present
Doris Matte	Present
Carolyn Quirk	Present
Deanna Tardiff	Absent

Amy LeBlanc & Marshal Haneisen attended the Fitchburg Disability Commission Meeting.

Item 1: Reading of the Minutes Meeting commenced at 2:00pm.
Minutes from the June meeting were voted on and accepted.

Item 2: Announcements/Notices/Events:

The Greek Festival will be held on Friday 5pm – 10pm, September 17th and Saturday September 18th, 12pm – 10pm at the Greek Orthodox Church 1319 Main Street

Saima Tori Nordic Marketplace and Car Cruise will be held at the Finnish Center at Saima Park, Sunday, September 19, 2021, 10:00am – 2:00pm.

Item 3: Open Forum: 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:

Wallace and Elm – not in good condition, slant is too steep on Elm Street.

Day Street gaps in sidewalk.

Grove Street both sides of sidewalks need repairs.

Main Street curb cut in front of Espresso pizza coming apart.

Rollstone Road needs curb cut.

Caldwell Street handicap spots need curb cut.

Also discussed, the Commission is going to invite City Officials to attend the Disability meetings to discuss their policies and protocol concerning the disabled population in the City of Fitchburg.

Disability Commission Meetings will be held in the West Meeting Room at Fitchburg City Hall, 718 Main Street the second Wednesday of each month beginning September 8th, 2021. If you enter the front door of City Hall, the meeting room will be directly to your right. Parking is behind the legislative building off of Wood Place, or on street.

Item 4: Update on Accessible Playground: The equipment has been delivered and they are working on installing it, construction of the playground has a completion date of December. The Disability Commission will plan on doing a site visit once completed.

Item 5: Accessible Art Project:

- Art Classes are being held bi-weekly at the Senior Center and have been very successful, class is limited to ten people due to COVID 19, the next class is scheduled for September 13th at 10:00am which is a watercolor painting class, painting in a series.
- The Accessible Art Studio Painting Class is putting together a Saturday Painting Class at the ARC of Opportunity this coming Fall, this class will be all inclusion, more to follow.

Item 6: Main Street Renewal: Sidewalk from River Street to Yarn Works will be replaced and re-painted.

Item 7: Advisory Committee Consolidation Plan: Tabled for now.

Item 8: Discussion on Committee future plans: Committee members are tasked to present future plans for events at the next Disability Commission Meeting in October.

Item 9: Membership: Ongoing.

Item 10: Motion to adjourn, meeting at 3:00pm. The next meeting will be October 13th, 2021, Wednesday, in-person at City Hall.