



Town of Burlington
Disability Access Commission (BDAC)
January 23, 2023 Minutes
12:00 pm Grandview Farm 2nd floor conference room , 55 Center Street

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BDAC members present: Bunny Ferguson; Tom Carlson ;Jack Cunha; Linda Cunha; Mike Espejo, Select Board Rep.

BDAC Members not present: Kenny Tigges, Caitlin Jacobs

BDAC support staff: Christopher Hanafin, ADA coordinator; Jennifer Goldsmith, recorder

BDAC Guests: Kelly Lehman & Emma Jones - Recreation Department

Meeting called to order at 12:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

September 2022 minutes are up for approval with no corrections.

Motion moved by Mrs. Ferguson and seconded by Mr. Cunha to approve the September 2022 minutes with no corrections. The Commission approves the motion unanimously.

Recreation department- Therapeutic Recreation:

Kelly Lehman, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director & Emma Jones, CTRS Therapeutic Recreation Specialist visited our meeting to thank us for our continued support with their programs. They shared the successes over the last year with the programs that DAC has helped fund and hope to continue the partnership into the future. They shared with us their goals both short and long term with the programs they offer along with their request for funds to go towards future programs. The commission would love to be able to help them more than they already do but the handicap parking fine fund is dwindling. The commission is willing to fund a portion of the amount they requested and hopes to be able to continue in the future if there are funds available.

Mr. Carlson made a motion to approve \$13,000 to be used by the recreation department's therapeutic recreation program to offset the costs of some of their programs. Mrs. Ferguson seconds the motion and the commission approves the motion unanimously.



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Handicap Parking enforcement: The Commission would like to set up a meeting with the chief of police to see why handicap parking enforcement has been down over the past few years. Covid played a huge role in the curve in enforcement however, we are on the other side of that. The Commission would like to work together with the Burlington Police Department to ensure that enforcement is priority regardless if there is an operation going on or not. Mr. Hanafin will reach out to the Chief of Police to talk further and will update the commission in the future.

Discussion of open seat: The commission in September 2022 discussed soliciting for a new member for DAC and being part of the process. Unbeknownst to the commission, a new member was already appointed in June of 2022 with no input from DAC before, during or after the appointment. Mr. Hanafin was made aware of the new appointment when the new appointment reached out via email on December 1, 2022. Mr. Hanafin then spoke with the appropriate departments and ensured that this gross oversight in the process of appointing members to commissions would not happen again. Regardless of this failure in policy it is not the fault of the new member and the commission looks forward to meeting with the new member at a future meeting.

Handicap parking fine fund: Current balance as of 01/03/2023 \$85,631.74

Adjourn: Motion moved by Mr. Jack Cunha and seconded by Mr. Espejo to adjourn the meeting. The Commission approves the motion unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 12:56pm

Submitted by,

Jennifer Goldsmith
BDAC recording clerk