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HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

22 September 2020

Regular Monthly Meeting

Present: Nancy Salamoun, Staff Liaison, Mgr. of Equity Diversity and Inclusion
Bonnie Denis, Chair
Colin Killick, Commissioner
Brian Postlewaite, Secretary, Assist. Director of Engineering

Absent: Finn Gardner, Commissioner

Guests: Katie Milton, Resident
Lian Guertin, Resident
Christine Koh, Somerstat
Councilor Clingan

Note: Due to COVID-19 Shutdown, all attendees were remote via Zoom Meeting.

General Business

- Meeting commenced on 22 September at 6:40pm.
- Finn Gardner tendered his resignation from the Commission.
- July and August meetings approved unanimously.

Guest Presentation

- Christine Koh, Somerstat Analyst, is preparing a survey of Persons with Disabilities in Somerville.
 - The Commission was provided the survey for review and discussed during the meeting.
 - The Commission had the following comments:
 - The Survey should use ACS disability categories.
 - Use the term “accessible” not “handicapped”.
 - Distinguish between caregiver and person with disability.
 - Long surveys are easy to not finish.

Chair’s Report

- None

Director’s Report

- None.

Old Business

- Ithzel submitted a letter on accessibility and inclusionary housing to the Commission. Boston has a policy combining accessibility and affordability into their inclusionary policy. The Commission asks Nancy to invite Ithzel to a Commission meeting to discuss further.
- When will restaurant outdoor seating be fully accessible and compliant? Nancy will set up a meeting with OSPCD and ISD.

New Business

- Discuss lessons learned on the Medford St paving project during a future meeting.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting at 8:00pm; approved unanimously.