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CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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MAYOR

COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

December 10, 2019

Regular Monthly Meeting

Present: Nancy Salamoun, Staff Liaison, Mgr. of Equity Diversity and Inclusion
Bonnie Denis, Chair
Colin Killick, Commissioner
Finn Gardner, Commissioner

Absent: Brian Postlewaite, Commissioner

Guests: Katie Milton, Volunteer
Holly Simioni, City Resident
Lian Guertin, City Resident
Christine Koh, Somerstat Analyst, City of Somerville

Welcome and Introductions

Meeting commenced on December 10, 2019 at 6:35pm.

Announcements

- Christine Koh, Somerstat Analyst for the City, is present to discuss a potential program to address HP parking during snow emergencies. The City will be conducting a survey of resident needs in early spring to provide enough time for implementation by the next winter season. There are discussions of a potential temporary measure for this winter season.

Members' Report

- Bonnie Denis has joined the City's Parking Taskforce working group. They are in the process of determining the scope of the project. She will continue to provide updates for the group.
- Colin Killick recommends potentially having GIS mapping for HP spaces in the City.
- Finn Gardner is concerned that residents are not shoveling their sidewalks following storms, creating accessibility concerns.
 - Discussion of the City's Snow Shoveling Policy and that the City will fine those who do not shovel a minimum of 36 inch sidewalks.
 - Residents can report un-shoveled sidewalks to 311 and the City will fine.

Director's Report

- Nancy Salamoun discussed the new Residential Parking Waiver Program that the Traffic Commission will be voting on December 12th. For new apartment complexes that are not deeded for parking, there will be a residential sticker waiver application that would cover individuals with disabilities. Individuals with disabilities can apply through the program for a City residential sticker.

Public Input

- Concern about accessibility of new sidewalks on Medford Street. Will discuss with Engineering at next meeting.

Old Business

- Confirmation of prior motions:
 - Motion to form housing subcommittee by Bonnie Denis
 - Seconded by Colin Killick and approved
 - Motion to appoint Bonnie Dennis to Chair and Brian Postlewaite to Secretary by Colin Killick
 - Seconded by Finn Gardner and approved
 - Motion to allow remote participation with the following guidelines:
 - Each Commissioner needs to be physically present in person 8 out of 12 meetings per year.
 - We will need to have at least two people physically present at the meeting.
 - 24 hour notice unless it is an emergency/illness. Notify both Nancy and the Chair.
 - Motion is approved.

New Business

- Concern about HP spaces at a Someville Ave parking lot.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting: 8:20pm