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CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

May 14, 2019

Regular Monthly Meeting

Present: Nancy Salamoun, Staff Liaison, Mgr. of Equity Diversity and Inclusion
Bonnie Denis, Commissioner
Christopher Dreher, Commissioner
Finn Gardner, Commissioner
Brian Postlewaite, City Staff, Commissioner

Absent: Colin Killick, Chair

Guests: Katherine Milton, Resident Volunteer

Welcome and Introductions

Meeting commenced on May 14, 2019 at 6:35pm.

Announcements

Bonnie Denis is working with Somervision 2040 on an upcoming Disability Forum. The Commission discussed tentative times and locations that might work. A tentative June date was discussed, but Bonnie will work with Lauren Drago, City staff, on the date and location.

The Commissioners discussed the importance of advertisement and new ways to engage the Community. The Commissioners began identifying stakeholders and discussed the possibility of an online questionnaire as well as a forum to better engage stakeholders.

Director's Report

The staff liaison, Nancy Salamoun, informed the Commission of a recent communication with the Community Engagement Staff for Congresswoman Pressley. The staff member reached out on behalf of a resident who would like more avenues for education regarding how people should/ should not interact with service dogs. The Community Engagement Staff member and the resident are planning on attending the meeting in June to discuss this with the Commission.

Public Input

Katherine Milton was present and will be working with the Commission to advertise the forum.

Old Business

The vote for remote participation for Commission members was tabled for a future meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00pm

Next Meeting: June 11, 2019 at 6:30pm.