

January 13th, 2021, Fitchburg Disability Commission Monthly Meeting
Virtual Meeting@2:00pm.
Commission Members:

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

Amy LeBlanc attended the Fitchburg Disability Commission Meeting.

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

Item 2: Announcements/Notices/Events: The Accessible Playground will now be located at Parkhill. The Accessible playground will be located next to the existing playground. Fundraising is ongoing. The design of the accessible playground will be complete in Spring of 2021. Construction will be complete in spring of 2022.
Update: The Accessible Playground has received funding, construction to begin on 7/1/2021.

Item 3: Open Forum: CDBG Applications are closed.

Item 4: Report on City Hall: Commission members met with Chief of Police at City Hall to discuss concerns with the Handicap Parking spaces that are allotted to City Hall. The Chief and Commission members discussed accessibility requirements, and determined that adjustments needed to be made, between the allotted spaces on Main Street there would be an access ramp between them and that there will be two more additional handicap spaces added behind the Legislative Building.
Update: The above modifications are being put in place.

Item 5: Accessible Art Classes Report: A proposal for Massachusetts Cultural Council Grant was submitted for year 2021 to conduct the Accessible Art Studio Painting Classes, will learn of status of grant in Mid-March.

Item 6: Old Business: New Members: It was decided to put an article for recruiting new members on the Fitchburg Cultural Alliance Homepage.

Item 7: Fitchburg Cultural Alliance Report: Is accepting applications for Cultural funding, deadline to apply is February 1st, 2021, also preparing a directory of all Cultural events/establishments in the Fitchburg area and working on Maker's/gallery space for Fitchburg Artists.

Item 8: Motion to adjourn, meeting at 2:45pm. The next meeting will be February 10th at 2:00pm.