

**CITY OF NORWALK
ADA TRANSITION COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 6, 2019**

ATTENDANCE: Samuel Pride, Acting Chair; Jonathan Brown

Via telephone conference call: Beatrix Winter

STAFF: Anna T. Keegan, Interim Human Relations/Fair Rent Director;
Darlene Young, Program Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Young, the Acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:45 p.m. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

May 29, 2019

**** MS. WINTER MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 29, 2019.**

**** MR. BROWN SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 29, 2019 AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

OLD BUSINESS

Updates

A. Norwalk Public School Compliance Project –

Ms. Young said that they had contacted the company that had done the original analysis for the Norwalk Schools regarding finishing the review for the schools that had not been reviewed. Ms. Young said that Ms. Melissa Marshal said that the assessment has been completed and the information will be compiled for the ADA Committee. The list will be sent to Ms. Keegan and Mr. Hodel.

Ms. Young reminded everyone that there were a significant number of projects that the various schools had scheduled and were due to be included in the upcoming renovations, so it will be important to coordinate with Mr. Hodel. It will also be important to determine which projects will be funded through Capital budget and which ones will be handled under the Operating budget. When the projects are completed, there will have to be a sign off to insure that the projects

B. ADA accessibility project

Ms. Keegan said that the aerial photograph and map show a curved ramp from East Avenue to the Health Department along with a sidewalk between City Hall and the Health Department. There will be several benches on small landings along the two routes.

Ms. Keegan said that there were two types of benches being considered. One would not have a back which would prevent others from lounging on the benches. Mr. Pride said that he would prefer a bench with a back. Mr. Brown agreed. There was a discussion about whether there should be an ADA symbol on the benches. Ms. Winter said that she felt that they should hold off on the signage until they see whether the benches need to be reserved.

Mr. Brown also had several suggestions for the landscaping. Discussion followed.

**** MR. PRIDE MOVED TO APPROVE THE ADA PLAN AS PRESENTED WITH A 10% CONTINGENCY AND INCLUDING THE STYLE OF BENCHES WITH BACKS.**

**** MS. WINTER SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

NEW BUSINESS.

A. Staff Recommendations

- **Veteran's Memorial Park**

Ms. Young said that there were three projects that all would be handled by Recreations and Parks. The Committee members discussed the details of having an ADA accessible shower on the Marina side of Veterans Park.

**** MR. BROWN MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUDGET REQUEST FOR \$80,000 TO INSTALL ACCESSIBLE SHOWERS AND STALLS IN THE MEN AND WOMEN'S FACILITIES AT THE MARINA SIDE OF VETERAN'S PARK.**

**** MS. WINTER SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- **City Parks and Beaches**

Ms. Young said that the mobi-mat at the Calf Pasture Beach to improve access to the water's edge had worked out very well. Ms. Keegan said that they had received more positive feedback on the mobi-mat than any other improvement.

**** MR. BROWN MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUDGET REQUEST FOR \$8,000 FOR THE MOBI MAT AT SHADY BEACH TO PROVIDE ADA ACCESS TO THE WATER'S EDGE.**

**** MS. WINTER SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Ms. Young said that they wanted to install new pathways to connect the San Vincenzo play area with the parking lot. Ms. Young described the topography of the area for the Committee members. Ms. Keegan said that they would make sure the pathway was compliant.

**** MR. PRIDE MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUDGET REQUEST FOR \$12,000 TO INSTALL NEW PATHWAYS TO CONNECT THE PARKING LOT TO THE PLAY AREA AT SAN VINCENZO PARK.**

**** MR. BROWN SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Ms. Keegan said that she had spoken with Carol Frank who had suggested that an additional \$50,000 be added to the budget. Ms. Keegan explained that they have to have a project in mind with estimates before requesting budget funding. Following a discussion, the Committee members decided not to include a request for additional funding in the budget at this time.

UPCOMING MEETING DATES.

Ms. Keegan suggested meeting in March to review projects. This was agreeable to all.

ADJOURNMENT

**** MS. WINTER MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** MR. BROWN SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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