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CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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MAYOR

COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

9 February 2021

Regular Monthly Meeting

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

Absent: None

Guests: None

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

General Business

- Meeting commenced on 9 February at 6:30pm.
- VOTE: The Commission unanimously approved the December and December supplemental meeting minutes.
- Katie's neighbor is interested in possibly joining the Commission, they have a child with disabilities.

Guest Presentation

- None

Chair's Report

- Bonnie has been attending meetings for the Somerville Alliance for Safe Streets (SASS).
 - They will be posting action language soon.
 - They are trying to figure out how to engage more business owners.
 - SASS Summit will be on 28 February.
 - SASS members have been very supportive of SCPD access goals.

Director's Report

- Personnel Department will be changing job description language to only include physical restriction language when needed by the position.
- Mobility has requested a shared streets feedback meeting.

Old Business

- Posto parking space; Bonnie will write an email to Commissioner Lynch, Chair of the Licensing Commission, stating concern and requesting to attend next meeting.
- SomerNova accessible parking; Bonnie & Nancy to coordinate with Clr. Neidergang to meet with SomerNova.

New Business

- Celeste restaurant submitted a variance to allow guest seating in a non-accessible second floor.
 - Bonnie motions for Colin to write a letter in support of the variance if ground floor seating is reserved for those requesting that they require first floor access, and that they provide a reservation system that provides such first floor reservation priorities.
 - The letter shall be reviewed by Bonnie & Nancy prior to submission.
 - VOTE: Commission voted unanimously to approve.
- Ordinance revisions proposed for further discussion:
 - Add to Section II.B, "If there are no Associate Commissioners, a vote of 2/3 of the Commission may waive this section for a Commissioner seeking a third term."

- VOTE: Commission voted unanimously to approve.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting at 7:55pm; approved unanimously.

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