



Boston Disability Commission Advisory Board

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Minutes for Wednesday December 12, 2018
 Ianella Chamber, Boston City Hall, 5:30 – 7:30 PM

KRISTEN MCCOSH
 Commissioner

Commission Members

- Zary Amirhosseini
- Juan Carlos Ramirez-Tapia
- Feleshia Battles-Byrdsong
- Jerry Boyd
- Paul Caron
- Elizabeth Dean-Clower
- Wesley Ireland
- Dusya Lyubovskaya
- Olivia Richard
- Carl Richardson
- Kyle Robidoux

Present:	Staff Present:
(ZA) Zary Amirhosseini	(KMC) Kristen McCosh, Commissioner
(JC) Juan Carlos Ramirez-Tapia	(JD) Jessica Doonan
(FB) Feleshia Battles-Byrdsong	(PM) Patricia Mendez
(JB) Jerry Boyd	(CM) Chris Morawski
(PC) Paul Caron	(SL) Sarah Leung
(ED) Elizabeth Dean-Clower	
(WI) Wesley Ireland	
(DL) Dusya Lyubovskaya	
(OR) Olivia Richard	
(CR) Carl Richardson	
(KR) Kyle Robidoux	
(YS) Yardley Sanchez	
Not Present:	
(JW) John Winske	
Guests: Louise Murray – TD Garden	

October Meeting Minutes: Approval of the minutes was proposed by Jerry Boyd and seconded by Zary Amirhosseini and unanimously approved by all present

TD Garden Improvements: Louise Murray:

Louise Murray presented the different accessibility upgrades that the Garden is undergoing including additional elevators, more accessible restrooms and more accessible seating areas with improved lines of sight. The Disabilities Commission and Advisory Board provided accessibility input.

Chair’s Report: Carl Richardson

Carl Richardson (CR) noted to the Board that he has applied to be on the Federal Communication Commission advisory Committee on behalf of the Advisory Board and thanked Commissioner McCosh for the nomination and support.

Commissioner’s Report: Kristen McCosh

Commissioner McCosh (KMC) thanked the Board for being available for the social hour prior to the meeting. She noted that the Commission will be hosting a focus group to discuss Transportation Network Companies and Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle (WAV) issues facilitated by the MBTA on Wednesday December 19th from 3-4:30pm in the BPDA Board Room in City Hall. Anyone who uses a WAV is invited to come.

The Commission met with Captain Alfredo regarding Vision Zero and the concerns for pedestrian safety with bicycles on the sidewalks. As a result the Commission will be working on an outreach plan to educate bike users about people with disabilities. Lastly, KMC noted that the Mayor will be giving his State of the City address in January and all Board members will be receiving invitations to attend.

Architectural Access Update: Patricia Mendez

Patricia Mendez (PM) noted that the Commission has been working closely with Elderly Commission on updating the accessibility checklist and developing strategies to encourage developers to apply for a social equity LEED credit when building new developments. The architecture team has recently reviewed a couple projects for Boston University

including a new data center, a new building that will be roughly 19 stories at 665 Commonwealth Avenue. Finally, PM noted that Tom Hopkins from the Architectural Access Board led a training for staff in the Property Management Department in preparation for the next round of events on City Hall Plaza.

Old Business

No old business at this time

New Business: Advisory Board Elections

The following individuals were elected to leadership positions within the Advisory Board:

Chair: Jerry Boyd

Vice-Chair: Elizabeth Dean-Clower

Secretary: Olivia Richard

Treasurer: Dusya Lyubovskaya

Elizabeth Dean-Clower vocalized her concerns regarding the prioritization of profit over accessibility in different situations such as wheelchair accessible vehicles keeping additional seating in that makes tying down wheelchairs challenging or the use of elevators in the TD Garden by the general public. KMC noted that these issues can be looked into more thoroughly in the new year with the guidance of the Executive Committee.

Action Items

Public Input

No public input at this time.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by Carl Richardson.

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 5:30 – 7:30 pm