

DAC Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2022

Members Present: Lisa Matrundola, Chair, Barbara B. O'Connell, Aggie Durham, Christopher Durham, Helen Waldron

Members Absent: Pam Kromm, Susan McGonagle, Robert McGillicuddy, Eileen Rustin

Others Present: Michael Towne, Human Resources Director; Jaclyn Souza, Human Resources Coordinator, Felicity Tuttle

Call meeting to order

Meeting called to order by Ms. Matrundola at 9:07 AM.

2. Review and approve minutes from 1/13/2022

Ms. O'Connell requested correction made to change Felicity Tuttle to others present; not a member.

Motion to approve meeting minutes for 1/13/2022 with correction made by Ms. Matrundola, all in favor.

3. EFPBC update

Discussion on modifications of the Lynch School. Looking at universal access issues and what is needed. The committee narrowed designs to shorter list, including 2 total replacement options.

Monitoring soil and water line and retaining wall. Want to make sure new foundation compliant Ms. Waldron brought up concerns about air quality and previous flooding. Recommends looking for grant for adequate shade cover for the playground structure.

There will be discussions next week to decide which two building design to put forward to state building committee. Architect to then do final design and send to MSBA.

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Next meeting vote. Lisa gave her recommendations.

4. Adult Dwelling Units

The ADU Working Group Committee meets on Fridays. They having been doing outreach and getting data. ADU housing options would help the elderly and disabled live in community with moderate income housing options so that residents can age in place. Residents could live in ADU and rent out the larger house. Will be a long process, hoping by spring 2023 town will approve (zoning, legislation done) for implementation in 2024/2025.

Ms. Tuttle will email the link to the last recorded meeting

M. Matrundola will give an update at the next meeting

Notes on housing:

Grant submitted for assistance on moving forward for moderately affordable housing
Network working with CHAPA on mini grant related to affordable housing
CVS proposal has been postponed to fall town meeting. Appraiser to look at value and feasibility of rental and meeting set price

5. Funding Request Recovery Act/DAC funds

DAC fund approved \$125,000. Mr. Towne will find out the current balance for the next meeting
Ms. Matrundola will call the Acting Town Manager to discuss allocating additional funds to DAC and maybe also talk to Margaret White.

Mr. Towne will mention again to Acting Town Manager allocating more funds to DAC for library and town hall renovations to meet ADA compliance.

6. Outside dining request

Ms. Matrundola received an email from Jennifer Cafarella from the Town Manager's Office regarding applicants for outside dining. Ms. Cafarella, Ms. Matrundola and Ms. O'Connell will look at accessibilities for outside dining and evaluate.

7. Vote to approve funding for a landscape architect at next meeting

Existing path split with mild grading to make basketball courts accessible. Hopeful for a handicap parking spot.

Mr. Towne made the motion to approve landscape architect funding, all in favor.

8. New Ideas

Ms. Matrundola spoke to the Post Master. There will be a bell placed outside. When the bell is rung, someone will go outside and help anyone with disabilities be able to come in and access post office.

Ms. O'Connell raised concerns about parking for handicap in town. More spaces and look at the location of the spaces. Ms. Matrundola will look into contacting Meg White and Beth Rudolph from Engineering.

Ms. Waldron raised concerns about locks not working in handicap stalls at schools. She recalled in the last 6 months that being the case at WHS. Ms. Matrundola will contact Pete Lawson, Facilities Manager, to conduct a walk through.

The MBTA new design approved for down town train station. It is very accessible and will be ADA compliant. DAC has seen and approved the plan.

Motion to adjourn made by Ms. O'Connell at 10:04, all in favor