

METUCHEN ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES from February 26th, 2020

Borough Council Liaison: Sheri-Rose Rubin

Present:

Members:

Rena Kallman, Dave Kallman, , Wesley Brooks, Robin Brown, Gail Zolley, Audra Sbarra (Co-Chair),

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Absent: Jennifer Asprocolas (Committee Chair) Michael Geschlecht Krissy Cantin Garside, Pat Kay Wendy Eaton

Public in attendance: None

Old Business:

New Business:

Survey

- Committee members were asked to figure out what contributions could be made.

Human Relations Commission

- Robin will be representing the group at Drag Queen Story Hour on March 1. She will report back to the group on the advertising methods used by the Human Relations Commission.
- On Sunday March 29th, the Committee will be sponsoring an event on the reading of Melanie Benjamin's autobiography of Tom Thumb. This will take place at 2:30 PM at the library and we will partner with the Human Relations Commission.
- A Facebook event will be created and Rena will see if the event can be advertised in the Criterion Sentential.

Grant Funding Ideas

- Sheri updated the group on the Community Block Development Grant (CBDG). A meeting will be held March 6th to further discuss the grant.
- In the past the grant has been used for curb cuts, hiring a driver for the Senior Center and bathroom renovations to name a couple of things.
- Robin mentioned concern about the intersection between Center Street and Route 27 being unsafe though it is unclear if the grant can be used for that.
- Other ideas included an accessible mapping project and accessible chairs at the Metuchen Pool and installing braille signings on the greenway.
- Rena suggested that the grant be used to make the Middlesex Greenway more accessible in terms of entrances and stops to rest.
- The push buttons in the library was also considered to be fixed with the grant.

Next Meeting is Wednesday March 25th 2020 at 8:00 PM.