

# MINUTES

## Mansfield Advisory Committee on Persons with Disabilities

Regular Meeting - Tuesday May 25, 2010

2:30 PM - Conference Room B - Audrey P. Beck Building

- I. Recording Attendance  
Present: K. Grunwald (staff), W. Gibbs (Chair), J. Blanshard, C. Colon-Semenza, F. Goetz  
Regrets: KA Easley (staff), J. Tanner, J. Sidney
- II. Approval of Minutes: The minutes for the April 27, 2010 meeting were accepted as written.
- III. New Business
  - a. Juniper Hill Village: K. Grunwald provided information that he had received re: housing at Juniper Hill and gave a brief overview of the services that are provided there.
  - b. "Other": none.
- IV. Old Business
  - a. Role of the Committee as the Town's ADA Grievance Committee: K. Grunwald distributed copies of the ADA grievance policy that was adopted. C. Colon-Semenza asked if the committee could receive outside legal counsel in a complaint filed against the town if there is a conflict of interest with the Town Attorney. K. Grunwald will explore this.
  - b. Network for parents of children with disabilities: KA Easley was going to collect information on the committee to use for recruitment; C. Colon-Semenza suggested using information on the website. J. Blanshard will send contact information for the bus company to K. Grunwald; he will follow-up with the school nurses.
  - c. Accessible Parking Fines/Signs: K. Grunwald reported that two property managers contacted us about getting the new signs. The committee discussed looking at giving awards to good neighbors in the community to recognize their efforts and publicize the work of the committee. K. Grunwald will put together a press release for our next meeting on this.
  - d. Publicity efforts: J. Blanshard distributed copies of a statement of accomplishments of the committee that she and J. Tanner had written. C. Colon-Semenza asked how it would be used: to publicize the work of the committee. There was a discussion about combining it with the mission statement and sending it to local publications; include web address for additional information and contacts. W. Gibbs will work on this and send it out to committee members for approval. We will also use this as a recruitment tool for new members. C. Colon-Semenza asked who the audience is: if it is the disabled community and the community at large she

would be willing to do an information session for people with and without disabilities. J. Blanshard feels that the focus should be on what resources are currently available. The committee will consider the possibility of hosting this presentation at the Senior Center in the Fall. This would include information about resources and how to access them. The suggestion was made for the Committee to do this as a group project, with Cristina taking the lead. We will address this at the June meeting.

- e. Status of other accessibility issues previously identified: K. Grunwald reported that the Program Amendment to fund accessibility improvements to a changing room at the Mansfield Community Center has been submitted.

V. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:20 PM. Next meeting June 22.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kevin Grunwald