

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
ADA COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE DISCUSSION
August 25, 2021

Voting Members Present: Jerry Burroughs (Chair), Tom Puglisi (Secretary), and Scott Shores (DPW/GIS Representative), **lacking a Quorum of the Committee with only 3 of 7 voting members present.**

Voting Members Absent: Herve Hamon, Mary Handley, Patty Kaczmarek, and City Council Representative (TBD)

Non-Voting Members Present: NA.

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Visitors Present: NA

1. **Introduction.** Lacking the quorum necessary to conduct an official meeting, Chair Jerry Burroughs opened an unofficial discussion with Scott Shores and Tom Puglisi at 4:40 PM in the Cambridge Utilities Commission Conference Room. He welcomed those present, and all observed a moment of silence. Jerry noted that Commissioner Jameson Harrington will represent the City Council on the ADA Committee. He indicated that both Commissioner Harrington and Mayor Bradshaw were invited to today's meeting, but neither was able to attend.
2. **Noncompliance.** Jerry Burroughs cited apparent continuing noncompliance at the following locations:
 - a. The Wawa store on Route 50 at Crusader Road does not have handicapped-friendly doors, sufficient space to accommodate customers waiting for checkout, or handicapped-friendly rest rooms.
 - b. The Family Dollar store consistently fails to maintain sufficient aisle space within the store.
 - c. Bay Vanguard Bank on High Street has no handicapped entrance now that the side door has been blocked.

Jerry noted that we have not yet received a response to the letter that the ADA Committee sent to the Mayor and City Council. Jerry has asked permission for the

Committee to refer a range of noncompliance incidents directly to the City's Code Enforcement Officers. Jerry will continue to seek clarification from the Mayor about the Committee's enforcement mechanisms. It was noted that Theo's Restaurant and Ava's Restaurant have removed their non-compliant outdoor dining areas.

3. **ADA Awareness Fair Scheduled for October 9.** After consultation with several Board Members, Chair Jerry Burroughs decided that the October 9 ADA Awareness Fair will be cancelled due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic.
4. **Sidewalk Survey.** Scott Shores reported that upon completion of the Housing Study by Salisbury University students, Scott enlisted these students to make sidewalk observations in the three days that they had until their time here expired. Scott demonstrated their work and noted that the 800+ observations that they made during this time were very accurate. Jerry Burroughs and Tom Puglisi encouraged Scott to take advantage of the opportunity to get Salisbury University students for an additional two weeks to finish the sidewalk project. Once they are finished, Scott will address how we might estimate the length and width of the noncompliant sidewalks. Combining the sidewalk data with the housing study data will provide Cambridge with a strong argument for grant funding, as well as data to prioritize remediation. Results of the study will be presented to the Mayor and City Council. Scott will ask Housing Director Yvette Robinson to bring the results of the sidewalk study to the Housing Committee meeting, as well.
5. **Vice-Chair.** Chair Jerry Burroughs asked Scott Shores and Tom Puglisi if they thought the ADA Committee needs a Vice-Chairperson. Neither Scott nor Tom thought this was necessary.
6. **Adjournment:** The discussion was adjourned at 5:25 pm.