



THE WALTHAM DISABILITY SERVICE COMMISSION 2016 REPORT



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Welcome Letter

The Waltham Disability Service Commission would like to take this opportunity to give you our yearly report. The program was the first in the country that used a grant to fund police details to patrol our city for HP parking violators. The program is a huge success, and many other cities and town have requested information regarding our protocol to establish a similar program in their community. In addition to the residents and visitors, served, our board was busy in 2016 with efforts to strengthen our organization that included: Monthly Disability Services meetings January, February, March, April, May, June, August, September, October, and November, the commission does not meet in July and December.

We have made every issue or concern a top priority and have each one pursued them until it is successfully resolved. We continually strive to take advantage of technology. In 2016 we have certainly kept the people in Waltham about issues with in Waltham

on both Twitter and Facebook accounts. These two social media accounts help reach more Waltham residents and let people know we help residents and visitors who have a disability. The DSC continues to work closely with members of the Waltham Police Department to ensure Disabled parking is enforced. All project based spending is a direct result of the revenue generated by the Disability Detail Unit of the Waltham Police Department. I invite you to review the statistics and photos we offer in this annual report.

Mark A. Johnson

WDSC Chairman

DESCRIPTION OF OUTPUT STATEMENT:

During past fiscal years the commission has distributed funding to assist other city departments in providing or upgrading means of access into and out of public buildings and enhancing mobility within buildings. The commission has provided portable accessible toilets at various city events. The commission worked with the traffic department to install "countdown" signal lights at several intersections throughout the city. During the past year the commission has completed numerous projects- see services provided section.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES:

To address ability issues throughout the year within the community. To maintain the ongoing close relationship with the staff the office of Handicap Affairs. To seek money from sources to affect the removal of barriers in the city. To provide assistance to access Municipal buildings. Have a minimum of 10 open meetings per year. Provide an educational forum for the community. To reevaluate all City of Waltham buildings to determine compliance with the Federal and state regulations. Review Accessibility Technology. Explorer need for accessibility equipment with in public buildings (i.e. Wheelchairs and). Investigate and evaluate types and amount of sensible Transportation within the City of Waltham

Projects

- Curb Cuts
- Gas Meter Detectors
- Help Fund the McArthur Playground
- Helped with the cost of GWArc elevator repair
- \$15,000 for planning phase two of the ADA Transition Plan
- \$2,500 allocated to continue funding the HP portable toilets for city functions
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- \$500 for new HP parking signs ordered by Traffic Dept.
- The DSC addressed these issues with Mike Garvin, a Waltham Traffic Engineer, in November. A letter was sent to the Traffic Dept. to advocate that this intersection be made a high priority. A request was also made for a "no turn on red" sign at Gore Street.

Services Provided

Issued 34 Temporary Handicapped Parking Permits to be used in Waltham

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Finances

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