



**Town of Hudson**  
**Commission on Disabilities**

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**Meeting Minutes**  
**May 16, 2023**

*Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023 extending the remote meeting provisions of March 12, 2020, Executive Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, this meeting of the Hudson Commission on Disabilities was conducted via remote participation.*

**Meeting was called to order at 9:31 AM by Chair Andrea Erickson**

**Roll Call: Andrea Erickson (Chair), George Luoto, Sheryl Marrazzo, Ron Sorgman**

**Staff: Pam Helinek**

**Participant: Frank Noyes**

**ADA Transition Plan Implementation**

Andrea Erickson reported that she received the school information from Frank Noyes but that she had made no further progress. Sheryl Marrazzo said that the Parks section would be superseded by the new Open Space and Recreation Plan.

**Community Concerns**

Andrea Erickson reported someone she knew who was starting a business transporting disabled people but was having trouble with access to load and unload from the back of her van at the Walmart. Pam Helinek said that she didn't believe there was any regulation requiring space behind handicap parking for van loading, only to the side. She recommended that the person talk to Walmart management about finding a spot to use.

Sheryl Marrazzo said that she was excited to see the new handicap parking spots on Main Street.

Sheryl reported that plantings behind the rail trail on the left side of the handicap parking spots might make it difficult for loading and unloading wheelchairs. She will send pictures to Pam Helinek.

**Open Space and Recreation Plan**

Sheryl Marrazzo reported on the first meeting of the OSRP Steering Committee. There was effort to find ways to reach stakeholders with language obstacles or with no internet. The OSRP Plan includes an ADA appendix and the consultants will be reaching out to the Commission when they are ready to work on that section.

**Downtown Parking Steering Committee** – Andrea Erickson had no report. Pam Helinek reported that there would be a Public Forum and she would send out the information.

**Minutes** – Andrea Erickson moved to accept the minutes from April 11, 2023, vote 4-0-0.



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**Other Business**

- Andrea Erickson asked for follow-up on the voting problems at Quinn Middle School. Access seems to meet ADA regulations, but it is a long way in a wheelchair between the parking and the voting area. The Clerk's office is looking into ways to make voting easier for next year; however, early voting at Town Hall and mail-in voting is available for all elections to accommodate people who can't easily vote at the regular voting locations.
- Andrea asked for follow-up on library access issues. Pam Helinek reported that she, Ron Sorgman, and Library Director Aileen Sanchez-Himes met to discuss the issue that Andrea reported, but couldn't figure out what Andrea meant. However Aileen is currently working on a grant to rebuild the library, which would completely change access, so any further action will be put on hold until she knows whether or not Hudson receives the grant.

**Adjournment** –Andrea Erickson moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15AM.