

Meeting at Patriots Place March 24, 2010

On Wednesday, October 21, 2009 Sue Collins and I, Fran Bell, met to visit Patriot Place to view and respond to complaints and concerns that were brought forward at our meeting in early October. **On March 24 our Committee met with Dan Murphy of Patriot Place and their consultant Kevin McGuire.**

1. The handicapped area in front of the movie theater was a concern. The presence of the staircase to the lower parking lot is not clearly marked and could present a safety problem where people could be disoriented and fall down or even drive down the stairway. **Patriot Place has erected a barrier so this problem is resolved.**

2. In Parking Lot #23 lower lot by Route 1 which is in front to Bar Louis/Davios entrance, there is not a clearly marked or easily accessible handicapped parking. With a little investigation we found close, accessible, and conveniently located handicapped parking up the little road between Bar Louie and Davios. Added signage would eliminate access questions and problems. **Patriot Place stated they would erect a blinking sign with a Handicapped icon on March 25.**

3. From this Parking Lot #23 there exists dimpled pads on crosswalk areas that lead to nowhere. The pedestrian access is awkward with zigzag routes along a steep grade. **Patriot Place stated that they had to have the walkway at a gradual grade because it is on a small hill. They stated there is no problem here and it is all to code.**

4. In the parking area on the Route 1 side, down near the Red Robin there is a significant pedestrian hazard with poor access from the parking lot. The only way people can directly access the Red Robin area is to cross through active traffic without the presence of a crosswalk. **Patriot Place recognized that this is a dangerous place for pedestrians to cross. They stated they would erect a 4-6 foot fence to funnel people to a safe zone to cross. It should not present a safety hazard because people will be able to visually see through it. Construction should be able to start in May.**

5. From the rear of the complex, the one way street near Victoria Secret is not clearly marked, a billboard poster exists which is not a typical sign drivers would be looking for and is easy to miss. **Patriot Place stated that they would erect new signage in 2-3 weeks.**

Dan Murphy of Patriot Place stated that they would erect a LED Board when entering the P6 entrance. It would indicate if you take a left, there is Handicapped parking in the rear.

Dan Iagatta brought up accessibility issues by the E2.

- 1. He stated that if someone where to pull up too far, it would cut off access through the gate. Question about a curb stop being installed.**
- 2. Dan also brought up that there is no crosswalk to E2.**
- 3. The Power Door in that area is not working.**

Kevin McGuire stated that he would look into these issues.

Kevin McGuire stated that in 30 days he would email Bill Casbarra about what improvements have been made at Patriot Place. Dan Murphy agreed that we will keep up a continuing communication between our Committee for Disabled Citizens and Patriot Place.

Kevin also agreed that he would help us with resources that are available to disabled people and we could post it on our website or wherever we would like to publish that information.