

Mayor's Advisory Commission on Disabilities

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Members Present: Claire Hickey, RNC, Chair; Pat Seltzer, RN, City of Warwick; Hazel Foster-Doesschate; George Gange; Verteal Patterson; Brenda Gomez; Kerry Walker

Members Absent/Excused: Edward "Stew" Stewart; Bob Gage; Barbara Livezey; Bob King; Tanisha Simpson

Guests: Karen Lombardi

Agenda Items	Discussion	Decision
1. Call to Order	Claire Hickey RN, Chair opened the meeting at 4:30pm.	
2. Verbal Attendance	Welcome to newest member, Kerry Walker and guest, Karen Lombardi. George verbalized there are additional members who should be terminated from the Commission for non-attendance.	Will discuss changing the day of the meetings in 2017 to accommodate those who have not been able to attend because of other volunteer commitments.
3. Approval of Agenda	No discussion	Approved
4. Approval of Minutes from last meeting:	No discussion	Approved
5. Unfinished Business a. Related to "Certificate of Appreciation" (COA) to local business, etc... that demonstrate ease of access to those with special needs	a. DiMicco's and Iggy's certificates have been signed and will be mailed. Kohl's and Kent Hospital were nominated for the next certificates.	a. Pat will prepare the COA and have the Mayor and Claire sign for next meeting.

<p>b. Member Recruitment</p> <p>c. Related to outreach</p> <p>d. Related to snow removal</p> <p>e. Related to Accessible Parking spots outside City Hall</p> <p>f. Related to BUSA parking lot: signage</p> <p>g. Related to Liquor Warehouse walkway</p>	<p>b. Continue with requests to the Beacon and the Senior Center to publish member requests along with flyer distribution.</p> <p>c. No recent update from City’s MIS department. Bob King offered a better solution: Request a link on the City’s Main page to a page where we can enter the recruitment information, the agendas and minutes along with each member’s contact information.</p> <p>d. No discussion</p> <p>e. Pat has reached out to Highway Director Dave Picozzi to get an update on the timeline for repairing the area.</p> <p>f. Pat will follow up to see the sign gets installed.</p> <p>g. Pat reported the problem to the building director who will send an inspector to correct. George reports no repairs have been made as yet.</p>	<p>b. No further action</p> <p>c. Pat will ask Carlos, the new director, to about this option.</p> <p>d. Follow-up at next meeting</p> <p>e. Pat has not heard back as yet. She will monitor progress on the fix and continue to inquire.</p> <p>f. Pat will plan to visit Haxton’s</p> <p>h. Pat will follow up with Building Director.</p>
<p>6. New Business</p> <p>a. Related to Macy’s at Warwick Mall</p>	<p>a. There is only one accessible door (there is a door on all three sides outside) that is difficult to get parking near. Can we have any input to increase the doors that open automatically or ask if Macy’s can increase the number of special needs parking spaces?</p>	<p>a. Will invite City building director to next meeting to consult.</p>

<p>b. Related to RI Mall</p> <p>c. Related to WPL- Sandy Lane</p>	<p>b. Commission would like to have some input into design before renovations are complete.</p> <p>c. Bench in foyer too low, no arms to assist to standing position</p>	<p>b. Will invite City building director to next meeting to consult.</p> <p>c. Pat to email Library Director to report problem, ask for options to correct.</p>
<p>7. 2016 Meeting Dates</p>	<p>Location: Buttonwoods Community Center 3027 West Shore Rd. Warwick, RI 02886 Time: 4:30 pm</p> <p>Please note: the scheduled dates are the third Wednesday, not the second as has always been the practice in the past.</p>	<p>7/20/16 9/21/16 11/16/16</p>
<p>8. Adjournment</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.</p>	<p>All in favor</p>