



# *Commission for Citizens with Disabilities*

March 11, 2013 – 6:30 PM - **Minutes**

City Hall – Ashley Room

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## **Members Present**

Kim Bettencourt  
Dennis De Marinis  
Marsha Fernandes  
Brooke Miller  
John Tyson

## **Members Absent**

Rev. Pam Cole  
Gloria Hill  
Lorraine Phenix

## **Members Excused**

Martha Bouchard

## **Others in Attendance:**

Michael Gatano, NBHS Special Education Teacher  
Blair (BG) Shanklin, Three Point Designs  
Cynthia Wallquist, Exec. Director

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The meeting of the Commission for Citizens with Disabilities was called to order @ 6:40 PM by Kim Bettencourt, Chair.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Dennis De Marinis moved to accept the November 5, 2012 minutes; John Tyson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

## **New Business**

Dennis De Marinis moved to reaffirm the electronic/phone vote requesting Council approval to transfer \$3500 into the equipment line to cover equipment repairs at the Buttonwood Park Playground. John Tyson seconded. The City's Emergency Management Director has included a request for FEMA reimbursement but even if it's approved, the equipment would be installed before the end of the summer. This request should appear on the March 28<sup>th</sup> Council agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

John Tyson moved to add \$7000 to the Clear path contract to cover additional snow storms. Any funds not used for snow removal will go toward home repairs of the Clear Path homes that the crew identified as posing safety hazards. Dennis De Marinis seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

## **Architect's Report**

BG Shanklin reported that he:

- met with Lorraine Phenix about the Times Square Building blocked access
- met with George Smith who suggested that he review "Voke's" renovation plans
- toured 31 parks/playgrounds and has made a list of all ADA and safety issues
- West Beach is not accessible; the ramp isn't graded and there is no railing support (he will visit East Beach at a later date)
- The equipment at Ashley Park is not accessible and there are issues with entry

Brooke Miller moved to accept BG Shanklin's report; Dennis De Marinis seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Executive Director's Report**

Cynthia Wallquist reported that:

- There was no action relative to the ordinance for parking violations on private property
- Carmen's Kitchen responded to the Commission's request to provide a pilot meals program for up to 20 non-elderly disabled individuals who do not have anyone to prepare their meals and are not receiving meals from Coastline.
- We are trying to expand the summer's KoolDays Program to include more students with disabilities.
- Attendance is still low at the Hazelwood exercise class; the instructor is looking a possible relocation sites to boost the numbers
- Attendance is usually 4-6 at the Soundability classes

### **Chairperson's Report**

- Kim Bettencourt reported that she is trying to identify students for the summer KoolDays program.

### **Old Business**

- Brooke Miller and NBHS special education teacher Michael Gatanio spoke about the accessibility issues at the high school. Ms. Miller prepared a list and submitted it to the Director of Special Ed. At NBHS. As soon as BG Shanklin gets a copy of the list, he will do a review of the school.
- John Tyson moved to purchase orange reflector flags in an amount not to exceed \$500. Brooke Miller seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Other**

### **Announcements**

- Cynthia Wallquist and Marsha Fernandes will be attending the Easter Seals adaptive technology training on March 28<sup>th</sup>.
- The next meeting will be April 8, 2013 @6:30.

### **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn was made by Dennis De Marinis and seconded by John Tyson. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30.

Respectfully submitted,



Brooke Miller  
Secretary