



## *Commission for Citizens with Disabilities*

January 13, 2014 – 6:45 PM - **Minutes**

City Hall – Ashley Room

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### **Members Present**

Martha Bouchard  
Rev. Pam Cole  
Dennis De Marinis  
Marsha Fernandes  
John Tyson

### **Members Absent**

Kim Bettencourt  
Gloria Hill

### **Members Excused**

Brooke Miller

### **Others in Attendance:**

BG Shanklin, Architect  
Cynthia Wallquist, Exec. Director

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The meeting of the Commission for Citizens with Disabilities was called to order @ 6:45 PM by Martha Bouchard, Vice Chair.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Dennis DeMarinis moved to accept the November 4, 2013 minutes; John Tyson seconded. Motion carried.

### **Architect's Report**

BG Shanklin reported on his site visits to:

- Tripp Towers
- Union Baptist Church
- Police Stations
- Custom House Square
- Hazelwood Park Playground
- Ying Dynasty (Far North End)
- New Bedford High School

He needs additional information from Brooke Miller relative to her concerns about voting at Fire Station #5.

Dennis DeMarinis moved to accept Mr. Shanklin's report; Martha Bouchard seconded. Motion carried.

### **New Business**

### **Old Business**

The wheelchair/scooter safety lights meeting was cancelled due to a snow storm; it has been rescheduled for February 5. Martha Bouchard will attend.

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

Cynthia Wallquist reported that:

- Two Braille signs were stolen from the Buttonwood Park sensory Garden. Dennis DeMarinis moved to authorize \$750.00 for replacement signs and related construction costs. Martha Bouchard seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
- 26 households were plowed during the last storm funded by the Commission
- KidzArt – an after-school art program for special needs elementary school students – will start February 3<sup>rd</sup> @ Buttonwood Park Warming House; transportation will be provided

Dennis DeMarinis moved to accept the Executive Director's report; Pam Cole seconded. Motion carried.

### **Announcements**

The next meeting was scheduled for February 10<sup>th</sup>; however BG Shanklin will be unable to attend, so alternative dates will be explored.

### **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn was made by John Tyson and seconded by Marsha Fernandes. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Executive Director