



Commission for Citizens with Disabilities

May 13, 2015 – 6:20 PM – **Minutes**
133 William Street, City Hall, Ashley Room

Members Present:

Josh Amaral
Kim Bettencourt
Martha Bouchard
Rev. Pam Cole
Dennis DeMarinis
Marsha Fernandes
Brooke Miller
John Tyson

Members Excused:

Gloria Hill

Others in Attendance:

Cynthia Wallquist, Exec. Director
BG Shanklin, Architect
Phil Zukas

The meeting of the Commission for Citizens with Disabilities was called to order @ 6:20PM by Martha Bouchard, Vice Chair.

Approval of Minutes

Martha Bouchard moved to accept the March 11, 2015 minutes; seconded by Dennis DeMarinis. Motion carried.

New Business

Kim Bettencourt stated that any member who wishes to be considered for the FY16 slate of officers must let her know now or email her within the next week. John Tyson stated that he would like to return as Treasurer.

Architect's Report

Dennis DeMarinis moved to accept the architect's report; seconded by Josh Amaral. Motion carried.

Chairperson's Report

Kim advised that the first phase of the upgrades at NBHS are possibly done; Elevator work has not been completed.

Executive Director's Report

- Buttonwood Park. Cynthia advised that there was nothing new to report on the park equipment damaged during Sandy.
- Special Needs Exercise Program funded by the Commission. Monday's class is going well (Work Inc.); Chair Zumba has been averaging about 8 people each class; Work Inc. will be starting a Yoga class with a capacity for 12 people.
- Fresh Start Program is for elders or persons with disabilities who need to downsize, get organized, relocate or need free appraisals. A new storage unit in the South End has been rented for the coming year; it is 10X12.
- Home Aid Program. There may be funds for minor repairs/work at 10 homes (max); names will be pulled to decide who will be getting work done.
- FY16 Budget. The Commission's FY16 budget was cut 55% due to lack of revenues from handicapped parking violations. At the June meeting we will need to review all programs for the new fiscal year.

Josh Amaral moved to accept the Executive Director's report; seconded by Dennis DeMarinis. Motion carried.

Old Business

- The Edge Restaurant Parking. BG advised that the parking is fine.
- Trash Barrels. BG feels that the handle should have the tape
- Wheelchair Lights & Flashes. Items have been ordered and a new press release will be done once they are in.

Other Business

- John, Brooke & Den are up for reappointment to the Commission this month.

Announcements

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Dennis DeMarinis and seconded by John Tyson. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Brooke Miller
Secretary