

Mayor's Advisory Commission on Disabilities

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 16, 2016

Members Present: Pat Seltzer, RN, City of Warwick; Barbara Livezey; George Gange; Bob King; Tanisha Simpson; Verteal Patterson; Brenda Gomez

Members Absent/Excused: Claire Hickey, RNC, Chair; Edward “Stew” Stewart; Bob Gage; Hazel Foster-Doesschate;

Guests: Kerry Walker

Agenda Items	Discussion	Decision
1. Call to Order	Pat Seltzer RN, opened the meeting at 4:30pm.	
2. Verbal Attendance	Kathleen Grygiel, Kerry Burns, Consuela Johnson have been removed from the Commission membership.	
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. ENT & Allergy Inc. on Post Rd. will be mailed their certificate once signed by Claire. Discussed expanding the campaign to include the Community to help determine eligible facilities. DiNuccio’s and Iggy’s were suggested to receive the certificate.	a. Pat will ask John Howell if he can print a story about the program and solicit the Community’s input. Pat will prepare the certificates for DiNuccio’s and Iggy’s.
b. Member Recruitment	b. Pat asked John Howell to publish the recruitment story again and he did...our guest Kerry Walker is a result of the story.	b. No further action

c. Related to outreach: Facebook	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.	c. Pat will ask the new director to about this option.
d. Related to snow removal	d. Discussed possible solutions to assist disabled citizens with their snow shoveling: Could the Mayor assist with providing an incentive (tax break, etc) to willing plowers/businesses to provide services?	d. Follow-up at next meeting
e. Related to Accessible Parking spots outside City Hall	e. Pat has reached out to Highway Director Dave Picozzi to get an update on the timeline for repairing the area.	e. Pat has not heard back as yet. She will monitor progress on the fix and continue to inquire.
f. Related to BUSA parking lot: signage	f. Pat will follow up to see the sign gets installed.	f. Pat will plan to visit Haxton's
g. Related to Liquor Warehouse walkway	g. Pat reported the problem to the building director who will send an inspector to correct.	h. Pat will monitor repairs.
6. New Business <i>No new business introduced</i>		

7. 2016 Meeting Dates	Location: Buttonwoods Community Center 3027 West Shore Rd. Warwick, RI 02886 Time: 4:30 pm Please note: the scheduled dates are the third Wednesday, not the second as has always been the practice in the past.	5/18/16 7/20/16 9/21/16 11/16/16
8. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.	All in favor