

## Mayor's Advisory Commission on Disabilities

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 16, 2016

**Members Present:** Claire Hickey, RNC, Chair; Pat Seltzer, RN, City of Warwick; George Gange; Barbara Livezey; Tanisha Simpson; Karen Lombardi; Bob King; Michael McKenna

**Members Absent/Excused:** Brenda Gomez; Kerry Walker; Bob Gage; Verteal Patterson; Hazel Foster-Doesschate;

**Honorary Members:** Edward "Stew" Stewart

**Guests:** Robin McKenna

<b>Agenda Items</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Decision</b>
<b>1. Call to Order</b>	Claire Hickey, RN, Chair opened the meeting at 4:30pm.	N/A
<b>2. Verbal Attendance</b>	Welcome to the newest member, Michael McKenna and his wife Robin. The Commission thanks you for your service. Jim Esterline has accepted an apartment in Coventry and regretfully has declined his appointment. Helen Bradshaw, RN has submitted a "letter of intent" that has been delivered to Mayor Avedisian. George submitted a motion to change the designation of member Edward Stewart to "Honorary Member" in consideration of his continued absence from the meetings.	Seconded and Approved
<b>3. Approval of Agenda</b>	No discussion	Approved
<b>4. Approval of Minutes from last meeting:</b>	No discussion	Approved

<p><b>5. Unfinished Business</b></p> <p><b>a.</b> Related to “Certificate of Appreciation” (COA) to local business, etc... that demonstrate ease of access to those with special needs</p> <p><b>b.</b> Member Recruitment</p> <p><b>c.</b> Related to outreach</p> <p><b>d.</b> Related to snow removal</p> <p><b>e.</b> Related to Haxton’s (Post Rd.) parking lot: signage</p> <p><b>f.</b> Related to Buttonwoods Community Center- water leakage in facility.</p>	<p><b>a.</b> No submissions presented.</p> <p><b>b.</b> Continue with requests to the Beacon and the Senior Center to publish member requests along with flyer distribution.</p> <p><b>c.</b> The Commission’s agendas and minutes are now linked to the City’s main page. Mike McKenna volunteered to develop a Facebook page if the Mayor is in agreement.</p> <p><b>d.</b> Senior Services has received calls for snow shoveling assistance. Mike McKenna will inquire if Boy Scouts of RI in Warwick area will be able to assist.</p> <p><b>e.</b> Proper signage is in place on the door in front of the parking space.</p> <p><b>f.</b> Pat reports that Buttonwoods will be closed to programming effective on March 1, 2017.</p>	<p><b>a.</b> Carry over to next meeting</p> <p><b>b.</b> Approved</p> <p><b>c.</b> Pat will contact the Mayor for his approval to develop a Facebook page.</p> <p><b>d.</b> Pat will consult City legal to determine if liability issues are present.</p> <p><b>e.</b> Resolved.</p> <p><b>f.</b> Pat reports future Commission meetings will take place at the Pilgrim Senior Center: same dates and times as listed for 2017.</p>
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<p><b>g.</b> Related to Showcase Cinema emergency exits</p> <p><b>h.</b> Related to Texas Roadhouse emergency exits</p> <p><b>i.</b> Related to Barnes &amp; Nobel entry doors</p> <p><b>j.</b> Related to Liquor Warehouse.</p> <p><b>k.</b> Related to cigarette smoking outside the doors at the Pilgrim Senior Center.</p> <p><b>l.</b> Do Hotels/Motels have to provide accessible rooms in their establishments?</p>	<p><b>g.</b> Doug Very (DV) from the Building Department reports that the building was in compliance when the “Certificate of Occupancy” was obtained. The City has no jurisdiction to require them to install a ramp.</p> <p><b>h.</b> Same as above: <b>g.</b></p> <p><b>i.</b> The building inspector (DV) reports the door meets code for weight.</p> <p><b>j.</b> Accessible entry path fixed. There is nothing to require them to repair the ramp near the entrance doors as it is not designated an access ramp.</p> <p><b>k.</b> New signage has been hung at all entry doors to deter smoking.</p> <p><b>l.</b> Any hotel/motel built after 1993 must have accessible rooms and meet all ADA standards.</p>	<p><b>g.</b> No further action required.</p> <p><b>h.</b> No further action required</p> <p><b>i.</b> No further action required</p> <p><b>j.</b> No further action required.</p> <p><b>k.</b> Pat will monitor and report at next meeting.</p> <p><b>l.</b> No further action required.</p>
<p><b>6. New Business</b></p> <p><b>a.</b> Related to Ocean State Center for Independent Living (OSCIL).</p>	<p><b>a.</b> Commission to invite the Director, Lorna Ricci to the May meeting.</p>	<p><b>a.</b> Pat will send the invitation in April.</p>

<b>7. 2017 Meeting Dates</b>	<b>Location:</b> Pilgrim Senior Center 27 Pilgrim Parkway Warwick, RI 02888  <b>Dates:</b> 3/14; 5/9; 7/11; 9/12; 11/14  <b>Time:</b> 4:30 pm	
<b>8. Adjournment</b>	Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.	All in favor