

## Mayor's Advisory Commission on Disabilities

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 20, 2016

**Members Present:** Claire Hickey, RNC, Chair; Pat Seltzer, RN, City of Warwick; George Gange; Verteal Patterson; Brenda Gomez; Kerry Walker; Bob King; Tanisha Simpson; Bob Gage

**Members Absent/Excused:** Edward "Stew" Stewart; Barbara Livezey; Hazel Foster-Doesschate

**Guests:** Karen Lombardi, Michele Kerr, Al DeCorte; Adam Fielder "AJ"

<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.	
<b>2. Verbal Attendance</b>	Welcome to guests, Karen Lombardi, Michele Kerr, Al DeCorte, City of Warwick Building Director and his staff Adam Fielder "AJ."  Discussed changing the day of the meetings from Wednesday to Tuesday to accommodate members who are having difficulty attending on Wednesdays.	Will vote in September to change from November, 2016 on onto 2017.
<b>3. Approval of Agenda</b>	No discussion	Approved
<b>4. Approval of Minutes from last meeting:</b>	No discussion	Approved
<b>5. Unfinished Business</b>  <b>a.</b> Related to "Certificate of Appreciation" (COA) to local business, etc... that demonstrate	<b>a.</b> Kohl's and Kent Hospital were signed and will be mailed.	<b>a.</b> No suggestions provided; will continue to next meeting.

<p>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 Accessible Parking spots outside City Hall</p> <p><b>f.</b> Related to Haxton's (Post Rd.) parking lot: signage</p> <p><b>g.</b> Related to Liquor Warehouse walkway</p> <p><b>h.</b> Related to Macy's at Warwick Mall</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> Pat spoke with Carlos, the new director, who had his staff member, John Perra assist with linking the Commission's agendas and minutes to the City's main page.</p> <p><b>d.</b> No discussion</p> <p><b>e.</b> The repairs have been completed.</p> <p><b>f.</b> Building Department will follow up to see the sign gets installed.</p> <p><b>g.</b> Building Department will follow up to see the repairs are made.</p> <p><b>h.</b> Al DeCorte informed the Commission that the store is in compliance albeit not convenient for how the accessible parking places are dispersed around the store entrances/exits.</p>	<p><b>b.</b> No further action</p> <p><b>c.</b> Pat will continue to work with MIS to get the most recent information online.</p> <p><b>d.</b> Follow-up at next meeting</p> <p><b>e.</b> No further action</p> <p><b>f.</b> Pat will email Adam in Building Dept. with request</p> <p><b>g.</b> Pat will email Adam in Building Dept. with request</p> <p><b>h.</b> No further action</p>
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<p><b>i.</b> . Related to RI Mall</p> <p><b>j.</b> Related to WPL- Sandy Lane</p>	<p><b>i.</b> Al DeCorte explained that construction is completed for the renovations done at “RI Mall,” soon to be “Burlington Coat Factory.”</p> <p><b>j.</b> Library Director Christopher LaRoux informed Pat he is having two oversized chairs reupholstered and will place them in the hallway.</p>	<p><b>i.</b> Claire offers the assistance of the Commission to assist in any planning of new construction/ renovations to act as advisors related to accessibility issues.</p> <p><b>j.</b> No further action</p>
<p><b>6. New Business</b></p> <p><b>a.</b> Related to Buttonwoods Community Center- water leakage in facility</p> <p><b>b.</b> Related to Showcase Cinema and Texas Roadhouse</p> <p><b>c.</b> Related to Barnes &amp; Nobel entry doors</p> <p><b>d.</b> Related to Accessible RI resource guides</p>	<p><b>a.</b> Visitor Michele Kerr reports her concerns about the roof leakage into the Buttonwoods Community Center rest rooms and other areas where people congregate.</p> <p><b>b.</b> Brenda reports that there is an issue with emergency egress from these facilities: there are stairs and not accessible ramps.</p> <p><b>c.</b> Karen Walker reports there is no automatic door opener on their entrance doors and that they are heavy to pull open.</p> <p><b>d.</b> Pat met with Don and Marie Perna to discuss how the Commission and Accessible RI can partner to compliment/promote each others efforts.</p>	<p><b>a.</b> Al DeCorte reports it is a facilities issue. Pat reported that her understanding is that a repair plan is in place for the facility.</p> <p><b>b.</b> Pat will email Adam in Building Dept. with request</p> <p><b>c.</b> Pat will email Adam in Building Dept. with request</p> <p><b>d.</b> Pat will find revenues to purchase hard copies of the guide to distribute at municipal buildings.</p>
<p><b>7. 2016 Meeting Dates</b></p>	<p><b>Location:</b> Buttonwoods Community Center 3027 West Shore Rd. Warwick, RI 02886</p> <p><b>Time:</b> 4:30 pm</p>	<p><b>9/21/16</b> <b>11/16/16</b></p>

	<b>Please note: the scheduled dates are the third Wednesday, not the second as has always been the practice in the past.</b>	
<b>8. Adjournment</b>	Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.	All in favor