

COMMISSION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES MEETING

Location: City Hall Annex, Conference Room C
999 Broad Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Date: Thursday, February 8, 2018

Time: 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Elliott Calderon (Chairperson), Jerome Roberts (Vice-Chair), Don Donaldson (2nd Vice-Chair), Pearl Brooks, Larry Robinson & Brenda Dye.

LIAISON TO THE COMMISSION: Loretta Williams (absent)

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS: Angel DePara

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Margaret Andrews, Camilla Villaroel & Nettie Jenkins.

Chairperson, Elliott: Welcome

OLD BUSINESS

18-0208-01: Vote to approve Commission Minutes dated January 11, 2018. **5 YES, 1 ABSTAIN**

NEW BUSINESS

18-0208-02: Vote Secretary to make Commission Minutes available within 7 days after each meeting per the Freedom of Information Act. **UNANIMOUS**

18-0208-03: Vote secretary to send out Commission Minutes within 7 days after meetings to all commission members and Angel DePara. **UNANIMOUS**

18-0208-04: Vote to approve Don Donaldson to invite Ray Baldwin, Director and CEO at St. Vincent Special Needs Center to speak at Commission for Persons with Disabilities Meeting. **UNANIMOUS**

DISCUSSIONS

Chairperson, Elliott meeting with Angel DePara

1. Commission web site corrections and changes complete.
2. Badges for all Bridgeport Commissions expected by end of year 2018.
3. Larry Robinson to share information at next meeting with the Commission that might be helpful as guide to use when introducing ourselves as Commissioners to the community.

Curb Cuts Concerns

1. Chairperson, Elliott contacted the Connecticut Post Ms. Torres, to take pictures (to put on hold till contact City Council advised).
2. Don Donaldson to address with City Council
3. Larry Robinson to forward concerns to City Department responsible for curb cuts

Outreach Committee: Brenda Dye, Jerome Roberts, Don Donaldson & Larry Robinson

Discussion re developing a NEWS LETTER to be published by the Commission for Persons with Disabilities. Agreed to develop plan to present to next meeting.
Outreach Committee Meeting scheduled for February 20, 2018 at 9 AM.

Handicap Rest Rooms and Handicap Parking

Lack of Handicap Rest Rooms and Handicap Parking at Beardsley Park – Angel DePara and Chairperson, Elliott to check with Park Dept.

Commission for Persons with Disabilities

Angel DePara to research Commission name – persons vs people.

NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING February 20, 2018, time 7 PM

Chairperson, Elliott planning to attend and would appreciate the Commission’s support. Purpose to introduce the Commission and to invite City Council to attend our meeting.

18-0208-05: Vote to adjourn at 7:50 PM. **UNANIMOUS**

Follow-up Necessary

Bridgeport Disability Commission web site discussion Items:

1. Need to add to Mission Statement that the Commission for Persons with Disability is an advisory Board to the Mayor. Referred to Angel DePara
2. City Charter/Ordinance changes must be approved by the Bridgeport City Council.

Develop plans to participate in HEALTH FAIR.

Brenda Dye, Secretary

Elliott Calderon, Chairperson