

COMMISSION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES MEETING

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

Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021
Time: 6:00 PM – 6:40 PM
Meeting held on Zoom

March 2020 through March 2021: Meetings Cancelled due to Covid or No Quorum

MEMBERS PRESENT: Elliott Calderon (Chairperson), Jerome Roberts (Vice-Chairperson), Donald Donaldson (2nd Vice Chairperson) & Brenda Dye (Secretary).

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Nettie Jenkins

LIAISON TO THE COMMISSION: Sha'Kenya Whittaker, ADA Clerical Assistant

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS: Angel DePara (not present)

Elliott Calderon, Chairperson:

- Bring meeting to order
- Welcome & Introduction: Sha'Kenya Whittaker, ADA Clerical Assistant
 - Sha'Kenya will serve as Liaison to the Commission for People with Disabilities.

DISCUSSIONS:

Sha'Kenya Whittaker's suggestions:

1. Focus to improve attendance for the CPD.
2. Recruiting for new CPD members in process.
3. Make plans to improve communication between members between meetings.
4. Suggest all members give input for monthly meeting agenda.
5. Identify a project for the CPD to focus on.
6. Decide what the CPD is going to offer to the Bridgeport Community.
7. Make the Bridgeport Community aware of CPD existence.
8. Alternative for CPD badges will be CPD t-shirts (will continue to followup on badges).
9. Food will be served at CPD meetings (with covid cautions).
10. May & June Meetings could be held outside. Location to be determined.
11. Newsletter will be supported.
12. CPD should develop a social media page in addition to Newsletter.
13. CPD information on City web site will be updated.
14. Update of Bridgeport Disability pamphlet in process.

Elliott's Reminders:

1. No CPD meetings scheduled for July & August 2021.
2. CPD Newsletter is complete & ready.
3. CPD should refer community persons with needs and or questions to Sha'Kenya. (Sha'Kenya agreed to provide her contact information to CPD members).

QUESTIONS:

1. When can CPD meeting be held at City Hall?

Sha'Kenya's response: No definite date yet.

2. Can CPD be provided with a dedicated e-mail & telephone # for Newsletter?

Sha'Kenya's response: Will check old minutes for e-mail & phone # already assigned.

Closing Remarks:

- Elliott Welcomed Sha'Kenya again and announced that the Commissioners are looking forward to working with her.
- Sha'Kenya's response: The City wants to take full advantage of the offer being made by the Commissioners to get out and serve in the community.

No items were voted.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:40 PM (Zoom Time Up)

Next Meeting Scheduled: May 13, 2021

Brenda Dye, Secretary

Elliott Calderon, Chairperson

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Follow-up Items

1. Identification Badges for all Bridgeport Commissions expected by end of year 2018
2. 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
3. Handicap Rest Rooms and Handicap Parking - Lack of Handicap Rest Rooms and Handicap Parking at Beardsley Park – Angel DePara and Chairperson, Elliott
4. Develop plans to participate in HEALTH FAIR
5. Pledge of Allegiance at beginning of meeting
6. Follow-up response to Letter to Mayor see notes June Minutes item 19-0613-03
7. Event for Special Needs Community - Lorretta suggested fund raising & solicit corporate location & corporate support & to research security for McLevy Park.