

COMMISSION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES MEETING

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

Date: Thursday, February 10, 2022
Time: 6:00 PM
Location: Zoom

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

MEMBERS ALL PRESENT

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

GUEST: James Meszoros, President of NAGE Local and Bridgeport Fire Commissioner

Chairperson, Elliott Calderon: Meeting called to order at 6:07 PM

22-0210-01: Motion to approve CPD Meeting Minutes dated January 13, 2022, with add to DISCUSSION note item 2 (Larry Robinson's name needs to be added to CPD on Bridgeport website). Don 2nd, VOTED, **1 ABSTAIN**

22-0210-02: Motion to submit application for \$500 grant. Money to be used to support a Movie Night. Deadline to apply March 28, 2022 and funds must be used by December 2022. Don 2nd, VOTED, **UNANIMOUS**

Note: Per Larry Robinson a separate account has been set up for CPD.

22-0210-03: Motion to approve telephone meeting for CPD in two weeks, Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 6 PM to further discuss CPD By-Laws, Ordinances etc. Don 2nd, Voted, **UNANIMOUS**

DISCUSSIONS

1. Guest, James Meszoros requested CPD support to secure funding for two wheelchair ramps at Seaside Park. Suggested locations for ramps: Bathhouse and West Beach. Lost zoom connection. CPD agreed to invite Mr. Meszoros back to next meeting to discuss further.
 - Mr. Meszoros expressed interest in participating in CPD events.
2. Elliott contacted the Barnum Festival Committee on behalf of CPD and requested to participate in the Great Aquarion, Barnum Festival 5K & 10K Road Race. Bruce Silverson agreed to send a packet of information for volunteers.
3. She'Kenya spoke with Ms. Rowena and was told, volunteer information for 5K & 10K Race is usually sent out in April.
4. She'Kenya & Elliott concerning legally blind resident at Trumbull Gardens Apartments was advised that she must move. She requested that CPD intercede on her behalf because she does not want to move. Per She'Kenya lady has not kept in touch, therefore we will table for now.
5. She'Kenya advised all Commissioners for People with Disabilities must submit new applications, in order to renew/extend their memberships.
6. Jerome wants to review By-Laws, ordinances and CPD objectives.
 - Goals pending: Newsletter, training, letterhead, badges etc.

- She'Kenya shares Jerome's frustration reference to CPD goals. She is working to support the Commission goals every day.

Elliott adjourned meeting at 7:25 PM

Next Meeting: March 10, 2022 - Time 6:00 PM

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. Develop plans to participate in Health Fair