

COMMISSION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES MEETING

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

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

Update: Donald Donaldson's absence was noted as excused

MEMBERS PRESENT: Elliott Calderon (Chairperson), Jerome Roberts (Vice-Chairperson), Larry Robinson & Brenda Dye (Secretary)

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Donald Donaldson (2nd Vice Chairperson) – Excused

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

GUEST: James Meszoros, President of NAGE Local and Bridgeport Fire Commissioner
Contact info: 203 212-2755 (cell), jmeszoros@nag.org (email)

Chairperson, Elliott Calderon: Meeting called to order at 6:04 PM

22-0310-01: Motion to table CPD Meeting Minutes dated February 10, 2022 until next meeting. VOTED, UNANIMOUS

DISCUSSIONS

1. Guest, James Meszoros, requested CPD support to secure funding for two wheelchair ramps for Bridgeport residents at Seaside Park, to be located at West Beach and the bath house, so that wheelchairs\disabled persons can get closer to the water. Short Beach in Stratford has ramps.
 - Mr. Meszoros expressed that 3-wheel bikes for disabled persons is also needed.
 - Mr. Meszoros plans to speak with Homeland Security, Scott Appleby and meet with Banjed Labrador, Parks & Recreation Department.
 - Elliott to check with Stratford Park & Rec to research project and inquire about estimate cost,
 - Jerome suggested Block Grant.
2. Elliott to further research and have further conversation reference to CPD participation in the Great Aquarion, Barnum Festival 5K & 10K Road Race.
3. She'Kenya, Chilli's in Shelton will donate 15% of proceeds for one day to CPD. Volunteer needed to be on Chilli's premises on that day. Email to follow with further detail.
4. She'Kenya, approval or denial for \$500 grant, for Movie Night is expected on March 28, 2022.
5. Elliott suggested telephone meeting on March 28, 2022 at 6 PM to discuss By-Laws modifications. She'Kenya to confirm availability.

Elliott adjourned meeting at 6:38 PM

Next Meeting: April 14, 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