

COMMISSION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES MEETING

Meeting on May 12, 2022, did not have quorum, dismissed at 6:15 PM

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

Date: Thursday, June 9, 2022
Time: 6:00 PM
Location: Zoom

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

LIAISON TO THE COMMISSION: Sha'Kenya Whittaker, ADA Clerical Assistant (not present)

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

22-0609-01: Motion to approve CPD Meeting Minutes dated, April 14, 2022. Jerome, Larry 2nd, VOTED, UNANIMOUS

DISCUSSIONS

1. **Elliott:** She'Kenya is no longer employed by the City of Bridgeport. Larry verified and advised that She'Kenya expressed that she plans to enroll as a Commissioner for the People with Disabilities.
2. **Projects and Events:**
 - *CPD Membership* renewals are being processed. **Elliott:** suggested that it would be nice to wait for all of the applications to be approved and all of the commissioners be sworn in at the same time.
 - *P.T. Barnum Events* - Per Mr. Carol, volunteers not needed and not much going on at this time.
 - *Park ramp* – **Don:** has not been able to reach James Meszoros, however, he agreed to try again and will inquire about procedure and funding. **Brenda:** Maybe we can send a correspondence to the Mayor to advise/request that ramps be installed for wheelchairs at Seaside Park, Beach House & West Beach so that persons in wheelchairs can have closer access to the water. **Larry:** agreed to research procedure and check with Karen Green, ADA Coordinator and report back to the CPD.
 - *Small Grant* – **Elliott:** \$500 grant money not received in hand yet. An I-9 Tax form was submitted a couple of weeks ago. **Larry:** agreed to request a copy of the original grant so that we can verify the limitations. **Jerome:** suggested that our event might be similar to "Park City Movie Night" in the park area at Main Street and State Street on the side of the court building.
 - **Jerome:** Questioned if there is a problem with rescheduling meetings. Discussion pursued.
 - **Don:** Questioned the procedure for posting CPD minutes on City website. **Larry:** to check with City Clerk and report back to CPD.

Elliott adjourned meeting at 7:18 PM

Next Meeting: September 8, 2022 - Time 6:00 PM (or as needed)

Brenda Dye, Secretary

Elliott Calderon, Chairperson

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