

COMMISSION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES MEETING

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

Date: Thursday, September 14, 2023

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT: Elliott Calderon (Chairperson), Jerome Roberts (Vice-Chairperson), Don Donaldson (2nd Vice Chairperson) and Brenda Dye (Secretary)

MEMBER NOT PRESENT: Larry Robinson

LIAISON TO THE COMMISSION: TO BE DETERMINED

GUESTS: State Representative Marcus Brown 127 District
and Anthony Paoletto, Special Project Coordinator for the City of Bridgeport

Chairperson, Elliott Calderon, called meeting to order at 6:13 PM

Chairperson introduced State Representative Marcus Brown

- State Representative Mark Brown spoke briefly about the installation of a water ramp at Seaside Park so that the special needs community will have equal access to beach privileges. He stated that funding is available and he will work to secure the funds for the Bridgeport Seaside Park Ramp Project.

Don introduced Anthony Paoletto and announced that Mr. Paoletto would take the Commission's questions.

1. Don questioned plans for ADA Coordinator.

Response: There is no ADA Coordinator at present, however, Cynthia Anderson will be our "go to person" for ADA questions. Mr. Paoletto agreed to research, confirm and report back to the Commission.

2. Don questioned the outstanding Disability Commission Grant funds.

Response: Mr. Paoletto agreed to research and report back to the Commission.

3. Jerome questioned procedure for handling expired handicap parking permits and the fines/penalties.

Response: Mr. Paoletto agreed to research and report back to the Commission.

4. Chairperson questioned badges for the Commissioners.

Response: Badges are being handled with care due to abuse. Mr. Paoletto agreed to investigate and report back to the Commission.

5. Chairperson questioned use of City zoom link for Commission zoom meetings.

Response: Mr. Paoletto agreed to arrange City zoom link for next Commission meeting and future use.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM

Next Meeting Scheduled: October 12, 2023 - Time 6:00 PM

Brenda Dye, Secretary

Elliott Calderon, Chairperson

Follow-up Items

1. Identification Badges for all Bridgeport Commission members expected by end of year 2018