

COMMISSION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES MEETING

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

Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT: Elliott Calderon (Chairperson), Jerome Roberts (Vice-Chairperson), Don Donaldson (2nd Vice-Chairperson), Larry Robinson, Linda Lubin, Jennifer Rocha and Brenda Dye (Secretary)

MEMBER NOT PRESENT: All Present

LIAISON TO THE COMMISSION: Dr. Elizabeth Rivera Rodriguez

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

24-0411-01: Motion to accept Commission Meeting Minutes, dated March 14, 2024. (Elliott), Larry 2nd, Voted, UNANIMOUS

Elliott introduced community member: Adrienne Shampo

DISCUSSIONS

1. Elliott announced that a new CPD member is expected to join the Commission about June 2024.
2. Don gave a brief update for the Seaside Park/Ramp Project. Don agreed to touch bases with other parties to get more information about purchasing adaptive equipment.
3. Jerome parked on East Main St, in a handicap parking space and received a ticket, noted “parking permit expiration date not visible. Penalty \$150, doubles to \$300 if not paid within 14 days.” Jerome is concerned that the cost is high for the disabled community.
 - Linda agreed to research handicap parking permit regulations and answers to the questions and give a report at our next meeting.
4. Adrienne requested assistance to get the sidewalk repaired on Jewett Ave, (Adrienne uses a cane).
 - Jennifer and Don agreed to look into concerns.
5. Adrienne requested assistance with a water problem in public housing.
 - Larry suggested that the problem should be reported to the property manager and if not rectified, then report the problem to Fair Housing.
6. Open Form
 - Linda shared that she was present at a meeting that entertained the topic of “How to engage with persons with disabilities.”
 - Larry responded that identifying disabilities and ADA responsibilities are important and related issues. He added that an ADA Coordinator is needed and required.
 - Larry agreed to research concerns that surround the need for an ADA Coordinator and give a report at our next Commission meeting.
 - Elliott and the Commission agreed to bring the concerns that surround the ADA Coordinator to Dr. Rodriguez.

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 PM

Next Meeting Scheduled: May 9, 2024 - 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
2. ADA Training
3. ADA Coordinator
4. \$500 Grant Funds