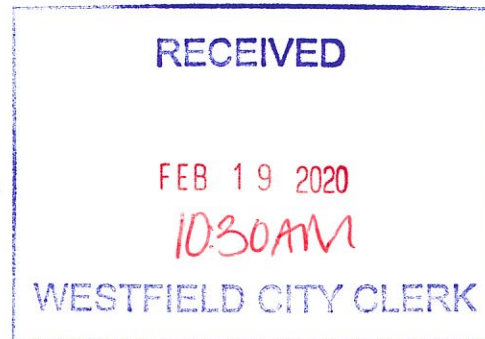


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Commission for Citizens with Disabilities
January 21, 2020
Meeting Minutes



The regular meeting of the Commission for Citizens with Disabilities of Tuesday, January 21, 2020, was held in City Hall, Room 201, Westfield, MA. Chair, C.Lisee called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Commission Members in Attendance: J.Gosselin, J.Tirrell, N.Smith, C.Lisee

Public Participation: (In attendance) City Councilor C.Harris

Approval of Minutes of meeting of November 19, 2019; Motion made by Commissioner J.Tirrell, seconded by Commissioner N.Smith; all in favor 4/0; Motion passes.

Scheduled Business:

Commissioner J.Tirrell makes a motion to open up the "Election of Officers-2020", seconded by Commissioner N.Smith; all in favor 4/0; Motion passes.

Election of Officers for 2020

CHAIR:
Candidate- D.Kanavaros

Commissioner J.Gosselin makes a motion to nominate D.Kanavaros, seconded by Chair C.Lisee;

Discussion- Commissioner J.Gosselin shared that Vice-Chair D.Kanavaros is willing to serve in this new role. "I fully support Commissioner Kanavaros as chair; he has many years of professional experience working with individuals with disabilities and will bring new ideas forward in the next year"; Chair C.Lisee states, "I am in support of D.Kanavaros as chair and he will do a great job." Commissioner N.Smith shares that Vice-Chair D.Kanavaros years of experience in human services will serve the board well. All in favor of closing nomination; 4/0; Motion passes. Roll Call:

J.Tirrell D.Kanavaros
N.Smith D.Kanavaros

M.Nicoletti	Absent
D.Kanavaros	Absent
J.Gosselin	D.Kanavaros
C.Lisee	D.Kanavaros
A.Pianka	Absent

D.Kanavaros (4) votes.

* Demetrios Kanavaros elected CHAIR for 2020.

VICE-CHAIR:

Candidate- C.Lisee

Commissioner J.Tirrell makes a motion to nominate Commissioner C.Lisee, seconded by Commissioner N.Smith;

Discussion- Commissioner C.Lisee states that she is willing to serve as Vice-Chair. Commissioner J.Gosselin thanked C.Lisee for all her work as Chair last year and I support the nomination. Commissioner J.Tirrell shares that C.Lisee would serve the board well as Vice-Chair. All in favor of closing nomination; 4/0; Motion passes. Roll Call.

J.Tirrell	C.Lisee
C.Lisee	C.Lisee
D.Kanavaros	Absent
A.Pianka	Absent
N.Smith	C.Lisee
J.Gosselin	C.Lisee
M.Nicoletti	Absent

C.Lisee (4) votes.

* Carissa Lisee elected VICE-CHAIR for 2020.

SECRETARY:

Candidate-Commissioner J.Gosselin

Commissioner N.Smith makes a motion to nominate Commissioner J.Gosselin, seconded by Commissioner C.Lisee;

Discussion- Commissioner C.Lisee thanked Commissioner J.Gosselin for all the work he does as Secretary and supports the nomination. Commissioner J.Tirrell stated that she agrees that Commissioner J.Gosselin continues to do a great job as Secretary and supports the nomination. Commissioner J.Gosselin shares that he is pleased to continue to serve in this role. All in favor of closing nomination; 4/0; Motion passes. Roll Call.

C.Lisee	J.Gosselin
N.Smith	J.Gosselin
M.Nicoletti	Absent
A.Pianka	Absent
J.Tirrell	J.Gosselin

D.Kanavaros Absent
J.Gosselin J.Gosselin

J.Gosselin (4) votes.

*Jeffrey Gosselin elected SECRETARY for 2020.

2020 Election of Officers Results:

CHAIR, Demetrios Kanavaros

VICE-CHAIR, Carissa Lisee

SECRETARY, Jeffrey Gosselin

Transition Plan Grant- Vice-Chair C.Lisee shared that the Transition Plan Grant has been denied. A meeting will be scheduled to meet with the new Mayor and new funding sources are being reviewed. Further information and updates will be coming soon.

Transition Plan Resolution- A resolution approving the appropriation of monies for updating the Transition Plan in the city of Westfield (\$20,000.00 from the Citizen's with Disabilities Account) has been approved by the city council, Nov. 21, 2019.

Westfield Woman's Club Accessibility Improvements- Vice-Chair C.Lisee shared that the Elevator and Bathrooms are being worked on for Improvements. Commissioner N.Smith shares that these changes will assist more individuals with disabilities to attend shows and events.

Fine and Forfeits account update; Vice-Chair C.Lisee shared an update. Our balance is 88,835. Playground All Access Project is at 60,000. The Police Dept./Traffic Crosswalk Project is at 2,500. The Transition Plan Resolution is at 20,000. Our balance would be at 6,335.

Old Business:

Cross Street Playground update; Vice-Chair C.Lisee shared that the Cross Street Playground All Access Project is moving forward and Design & Construction will start by the middle to late summer this year.

Commissioner N.Smith mentioned the idea of the "Brick Name Project" for funding as we move forward into 2020. Vice-Chair C.Lisee agrees we can look more into this project idea for the coming year.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner N.Smith motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Vice-Chair C.Lisee; all in favor 4/0. Vice-Chair C.Lisee adjourned the meeting at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Jeffrey Gosselin, Secretary

