Carissa Lisee



The regular meeting of the Commission for Citizens with Disabilities of Tuesday, June 19, 2018, was held in City Hall, Room 201, Westfield, MA. Chair Nicoletti called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Commission Members in Attendance: M.Nicoletti, A.Pianka, J.Tirrell, D.Kanavaros, C.Lisee, J.Gosselin

Public Participation: None

Approval of Minutes of meeting of March 20, 2018: Motion made by Commissioner Lisee, seconded by Commissioner Gosselin: all in favor 6/0.

Scheduled Business:

Chair Nicoletti shared she is proud to have served for several years as chair, and it is time to step down as Chair. People with disabilities should always be our first priority. People who volunteer should be able to have a brick. People with disabilities do not always have money to pay for bricks.

General discussion of Brick Wall and Walkway project. Commissioner Lisee shared that further details will soon be coming.

A motion made by Commissioner Lisee to accept Madeline Nicoletti's resignation as chair, seconded by Joanne Tirrell; all in favor 6/0.

Commissioner Lisee thanked Madeline for her years of service; Demetrios shared that Madeline's years of service can not be ignored. Thank you; Joanne thanked Madeline for all her service and shared a thank you for helping her learn many things. Andrea thanked Madeline for her dedication and service to the commission.

Commissioner Nicoletti asked that we keep State Rep. John Velis in our thoughts and prayers as he gets ready to serve overseas in the military. State Rep. Velis is a former commission member.

Commissioner Nicoletti shared that the Springfield train "Union Station" ramp is not wide enough and the bathrooms are not completed for ADA codes, so we need to keep on eye on this.

Election of Chair: Commissioner Lisee shared she had a discussion with the Mayor about accepting a temporary Chair role on the commission. Commissioner Lisee is ready and willing to accept this role, if nominated and voted for confirmation.

A motion is made by Commissioner Tirrell to accept Commissioner Carissa Lisee, as Chair (Temporary), seconded by Commissioner Gosselin; all in favor 6/0. Motion passes.

New Business: Enable Citizens and Handicap Parking general discussion from Commissioner Nicoletti. Commissioner Tirrell made a motion to table, seconded by Commissioner Kanavaros; all in favor 6/0.

Old Business: Whip City Museum Letter presented by Commissioner Pianka to the full commission for review. A special temporary ramp is being built as the project moves forward. Commissioner Pianka had discussions with Carol Martin about the project.

A motion is made by Commissioner Lisee to accept the Museum letter, seconded by Commissioner Kanavaros; all in favor 6/0. Motion passes.

Commissioner Lisee reports the current account balance is 70,330. Park project projection is at 52,000 and the Police Department projection is at 2,500. Our balance would be 15, 830. General discussion of Park project. Further details will soon be coming.

Review of Major Activities 7/1/17-6/30/18 and letter to the Mayor. A motion is made by Commissioner Lisee to accept the Major Activities Listing with a letter to the Mayor, seconded by Commissioner Kanavaros; all in favor 6/0.

Commissioner Nicoletti shared that we now have an Updated Commission Membership List for 2018.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Lisee motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Pianka; all in favor 6/0. Chair Nicoletti adjourned the meeting at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Jeffrey Gosselin, Secretary

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