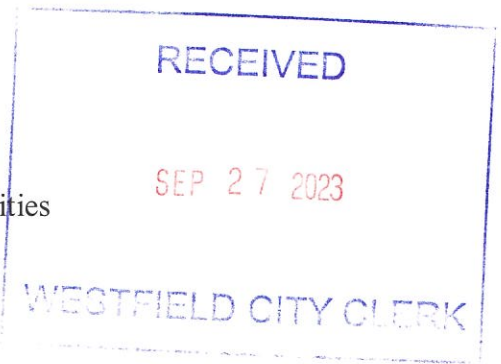


Commission for Citizens with Disabilities
August 15, 2023

Meeting Minutes



The regular meeting of the Commission for Citizens with Disabilities of Tuesday, August 15, 2023, was held in City Hall, Room 315A * due to a schedule change, Westfield, MA. Norm Smith III, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Commission Members in Attendance: J.Tirrell, J.Gosselin, N.Smith III, T.Johnson

Public Participation: Anna Boutin-Cooper, 55 Bates Rd, Westfield, MA shared with the commission a brief update on the Zines Grant project and a trip recently to LA in California to further train on the Grant project. Ms. Boutin-Cooper plans to return to the October meeting, give an update on the funding portion of the grant project, and planning for future events.

Motion made by Commissioner N.Smith III, Chair to Approve the Minutes of the Meeting of July 18, 2023, seconded by Commissioner J.Tirrell; all in favor;4/0;Motion passes.

Fine & Forfeits Update:

The update was submitted by Kim Kolek, Asst.Auditor by email on Aug. 14, 2023. Commissioner J.Gosselin, Secretary read the update: Our balance is at 39,560. Playground All/Access Cross St. is at 59,000(project completed). The Transition Plan Commitment is at 20,000. Traffic/Crosswalk signal is at 2,500. Our balance would be at 17,060.

Old Business:

Commissioner N.Smith III, shared that he reached out to the Traffic Commission and will soon be having communications on the topic of new fines and the Fine & Forfeits balance.

Commissioner J.Gosselin, shared that he received an email response back from Ann Benoit, Program Director Kamp for Kids and her email stated the following:

- 1) There will be no Penny Carnival this year
- 2) Closing ceremony is a private event
- 3) Offer for commission members to tour the Kamp. Commissioner J.Gosselin shared that perhaps we can set up a tour for next summer season as this year was not possible with a short time frame and scheduling. We thank Ms. Benoit and Staff and we hope to tour next year.

New Business:

Commissioner J.Gosselin, stated that he would like the commission to consider revisiting the Flag Project, the commission started back in 2020 to honor the ADA 30th anniversary. A general discussion was held in regards to the review and selection of a flag. Commissioner N.Smith III, Chair stated he liked the Flag Project and recalled that we did start this process back in 2020, but it was put on pause with other projects and the pandemic period. Commissioner J.Tirrell expressed support and interest in bringing this project back to the table for further review as well.

Motion made by N.Smith III, Chair to move the next meeting to September 26, 2023 due to the Preliminary Election for School Committee on Sept. 19, 2023; seconded by Commissioner T.Johnson;4/0;Motion passes.

Next meeting planned will be September 26, 2023. *Always check the city website and calendar in case of changes.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the commission, Commissioner N.Smith III, Chair motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Commissioner J.Tirrell; all in favor. Commissioner N.Smith III, Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:51 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeffrey Gosselin, Secretary