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Subject: Meeting Minutes October 16, 2018;jg



Commission for Citizens with Disabilities
October 16, 2018
Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Commission for Citizens with Disabilities of Tuesday, October 16, 2018, was held in City Hall, Room 201, Westfield, MA. Acting Chair Lisee called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

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

Public Participation: (In attendance) City Councilor C.Harris; and City Council President J.Beltrandi

Approval of Minutes of meeting of September 18, 2018; Motion made by Commissioner M.Nicoletti, seconded by Commissioner J.Tirrell; all in favor 6/0.

Scheduled Business:

Acting-Chair Lisee shared that a meeting was held with a group from the Westfield 350th organization. Having an Information/Table at the "First Night-Amelia Park Ice Rink" would not be a good fit for that particular event, however at future events, this is an idea to continue thinking about. All members were in agreement not to have an Information/Table at this particular event.

Acting-Chair Lisee shared that we could look into some type of Information/Table at the Senior Center. Commissioner Gosselin shared that perhaps we could have a table at the Westfield Pancake Breakfast. Commissioner Tirrell shared that she looked up items on-line and some items to think about for give aways would be: pencils, key chains, and ice scrapers. Commissioner Nicoletti shared that she spoke with Mr. Duggan and funds can be used for this purpose of having an Information/Table and give aways.

Acting-Chair Lisee shared that the Parade Participation was in agreement with the Westfield 350th organization. The parade will be held on May 19, 2019, starting up or near Stanley Park at 11 AM, with a 1 PM kick off and march down Western Ave to Court Street, to Broad Street. Commissioner Kanavaros shared that we will need a vehicle for transportation of some people that wish to participate. Acting-Chair Lisee shared that final details would be worked out in the next few months. All members were in favor of participation for the 350th parade.

Acting-Chair Lisee brought forward a first/rough draft of an Advertising item/brochure of the Commission for Citizens with Disabilities for review. Acting-Chair Lisee designed the brochure. Commissioner Smith suggested we could look into putting some of the brochures in the library, senior center, city hall. Commissioner Kanavaros suggested that we might wish to post our brochure on our web page. Acting-Chair Lisee offered that we will have a final copy of the brochure to approve at a future meeting. All members were in agreement to have an Advertising/brochure for people to learn about the Commission for Citizens with Disabilities.

Acting-Chair Lisee informed the commission that Mr. Peter Miller applied for a grant from the "Transition Plan Grant" and the deadline was Oct. 1, 2018. We would need an updated plan for more funding. Commissioner Smith shared that a few years ago, Boston requested an update.

Fine and Forfeits account update: Acting-Chair Lisee gave an update. Our balance is 73,380. Playground All Access project is at 60,000. The Police Department/Traffic Crosswalk project is at 2,500. Our balance would be at 10,880.

Old Business:

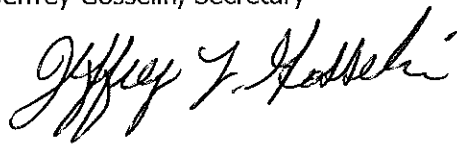
Acting-Chair Lisee shared a copy of the City Council; Resolution approving the appropriation of monies for the creation of making an Accessible Playground in the city of Westfield. This was for the request for 8,000. In addition, a letter went to the Police Department of the City Council Resolution for the Traffic Light Crosswalk project.

Additional Information:

Commissioner Tirrell suggested having a speaker at a future meeting to update us on the All Access Playground Project and we would like timelines, dates of opening, and location. Acting-Chair Lisee agreed that we would like to have an update on where we are at with the project and will reach out to Mr. Miller and Amber Danahey.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Kanavaros motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Smith; all in favor 6/0. Acting-Chair Lisee adjourned the meeting at 6:58 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Jeffrey Gosselin, Secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jeffrey F. Gosselin". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name of the secretary.