

COMMISSION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES MEETING

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

Date: Thursday, July 22, 2021

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Beardsley Park, Aaron's Way

MEMBERS PRESENT: Larry Robinson, Elliott Calderon (Chairperson), Jerome Roberts (Vice-Chairperson), Donald Donaldson (2nd Vice- Chairperson) & Brenda Dye (Secretary).

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Nettie Jenkins

LIAISON TO THE COMMISSION: Sha'Kenya Whittaker, ADA Clerical Assistant

Chairperson, Elliott Calderon: Bring meeting to order at 6:31 PM

2021-22-01: Motion to approve CPD Meeting Minutes dated June 10, 2021. Don 2nd, VOTED, **1 ABSTAIN**

DISCUSSIONS:

1. Jerome question: If CPD meetings are posted on City Website for public awareness?

Sha'Kenya's response: City offices are not officially open for public participation, due to Covid. Website update pending, with City Offices re-opening.

2. Elliott question: CPD identification update?

Sha'Kenya's response: Request is on City Attorney's desk, the push is for badges before September 18, 2021.

3. Sha'Kenya advised that the CPD Commissioners will need to submit new membership applications for renewing their memberships.

4. Sha'Kenya request CPD input for AARON'S WAY ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.

- Working on invitations and flyers
- DJ and entertainment for children
- City possible participants (Blue Envelope for autism, Green Envelope for Hearing Impaired, etc.)
- Community possible participants (12 organizations, St. Vincent's Special Needs, Bridge House etc.).
- Covid protocol to be implemented, social distancing etc.
- Jerome suggests introduction of Commissioners. Sha'Kenya suggest Jerome take charge of introducing Commissioners.
- Elliott suggest Commissioners give gift to Aaron's family. Agreed to contact family, Isabelle Richardson (grandmother)
- Don to solicit donations for event, She'Kenya to provide letter to Don.

2021-22-02: Motion to adjourn at 7:21 PM. Don 2nd, VOTED, **UNANIMOUS**

Next Meeting Scheduled: August 12, 2021 - Time: 6:00 PM

Brenda Dye, Secretary

Elliott Calderon, Chairperson

Commission for People with Disabilities – Meeting July 22, 2021, No changes

Follow-up Items

1. Identification Badges for all Bridgeport Commissions expected by end of year 2018
2. Larry Robinson to share information at next meeting with the Commission that might be helpful as guide to use when introducing ourselves as Commissioners to the community
3. Handicap Rest Rooms and Handicap Parking - Lack of Handicap Rest Rooms and Handicap Parking at Beardsley Park – Angel DePara and Chairperson, Elliott
4. Develop plans to participate in HEALTH FAIR
5. Pledge of Allegiance at beginning of meeting