

## COMMISSION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES MEETING

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

Date: Thursday, May 18, 2023  
Time: 6:00 PM  
Location: Zoom

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Elliott Calderon (Chairperson), Jerome Roberts (Vice-Chairperson), Don Donaldson (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson) and Brenda Dye (Secretary)

**MEMBER NOT PRESENT:** Larry Robinson

**LIAISON TO THE COMMISSION:** TO BE DETERMINED

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**GUEST:** ANDY TOLEDO, Director of Community Relations, City of Bridgeport

Chairperson, Elliott Calderon, called meeting to order at 6:07 PM.

**23-0518-01:** Motion to approve CPD Meeting Minutes dated April 13, 2023. Jerome, Don 2<sup>nd</sup>, VOTED, UNANIMOUS

**Chairperson introduced Guest:** Andy Toledo, Director of Community Relations, City of Bridgeport

Andy shared that he was hired to work for the Mayor's Office. Then he transitioned to take on more community related responsibilities and Mayoral responsibilities in Hartford. He now oversees all City Boards and Commissions, and he is involved in community events and relations. This includes all church events and church relations. He expressed that he is interested in being involved in all events and with all persons in Bridgeport.

He shared concerning Bridgeport's Budget, that plans are in place to bring back two Commissions. The Fair Rent Commission will be re-established very soon and by July 1, 2023, plans are in place to bring back the Fair Housing Commission. Also, he stressed that there will be no property tax increase this year.

### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

- Don** - Requested update reference to badges and identification cards for CPD members.  
**Andy** - Suggested follow up with most recent contact.  
**Chairperson spoke** - Response is still pending from Teron. Agreed to shoot e-mail to Teron tomorrow morning and cc Andy.
- Chairperson** - Question date that new City web site is scheduled to be launched.  
**Andy's Response** - By early June 2023.
- Jerome** - Requested assistance reference to \$500 grant that was awarded to CPD, however, we are unable to access funds, due to red tape, employee changes, delays, covid etc.  
**Andy's Response** - Contact Sumit Sharma, Director of Health & Social Services.  
**Chairperson** - Agreed to forward copy of e-mail and copy of check to Sumit Sharma.

**Note:** Jerome suggested, invite Sumit Sharma to CPD meeting.  
Chairperson agreed to send e-mail tomorrow morning to Sumit Sharma (invite to June CPD meeting).

**Meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM**

**Next Meeting Scheduled:** June 8, 2023 - Time 6:00 PM

**Brenda Dye, Secretary**

**Elliott Calderon, Chairperson**

**Follow-up Items**

1. Identification Badges for all Bridgeport Commission members expected by end of year 2018