

## COMMISSION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES MEETING

City Hall Annex, Conference Room

999 Broad Street

Bridgeport, CT 06604

Date: Thursday, September 12, 2024

Time: 6:00pm

Location: Zoom

**Members Present:** Elliot Calderon(Chairperson), Don Donaldson (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson), Jerome Roberts (Vice-Chairperson), Linda Lubin, Jennifer Rocha

**Member Not Present:** Brenda Dye (Secretary), Larry Robinson, Nadine Douglas (Liaison to the Commission)

**Liaison To the Commission:** Nadine Douglas

**24-09012-01:** Motion to accept Commission Meeting Minutes, date June 12,2024. (Elliot), (Jerome 2<sup>nd</sup>) Voted, UNANIMOUS.

### DISCUSSIONS

- Current meeting was to be in person in order for Commission to be presented with State of Connecticut Proclamation by Marcus Brown.
- In person meeting rescheduled for at **City Hall Annex, Thursday October 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm, 1<sup>st</sup> floor Conference Room A/B.**
- Don reports reaching out to Frank Recchia and Doing it local for media coverage.
  - Don also reports to speaking to Anthony Paoletto to see if this Commission can get a City Proclamation as well as having Mayor Ganim attend to present said award.
  - No response as of yet in regard to City of Bridgeport will give current commission a proclamation.
- Elliot reports receiving emails from residents in regard to current complaints.
  - Elliot states that we should be advising residents to make complaints via link for complaints.
  - Grievances from residents are also routed to Nadine and Jenn from current link and then triaged to the appropriate individuals who need to be advised.

- Don reports issues concerning businesses not allowing all individuals with handicap placards to park in their place of business.
  - Linda stated that businesses in fact have the discretion to utilize their requested handicaps signs for individuals with handicap placards who are entering their place of business.
  - Placards being placed in business have discretion on who could utilize their parking if its not used for business.
- Identifications badges were discussed, it was stated by Jennifer that Dr. Rodriguez will not give badges to the commission due to researching that other commissions do not request and receive badges for identification.
  - Don suggested possibly getting polos or shirts for members of the commission to be able to identify what commission an individual belongs to.
- Elliot asked Jennifer in regard to attending ADA courses for education pertaining to ADA Laws.
  - Jennifer will reach out to Dr. Rodriguez to see if the city of Bridgeport would be willing to cover for upcoming courses.
- Don reported updates for ramp at seaside and stated that there is a mat that has been ordered for beach use next year.
- Don inquired about who is responsible to report to the mayor on violations and the role of the commission.
  - Elliot responded that the commissions' role is to still advise the mayor through appropriate chain of command.
  - Chain of command is to Liaison to the Commissioner: Nadine Douglas

**Announcement:**

- Bridgeport PAL for Trunk or Treat, Don will provide flyer.
- Columbus Day Parade, Flyer will be sent out.

**Meeting adjourned AT 6:29PM**

**Next Meeting Scheduled:** October 10, 2024- Time 6pm

**Follow-Up Items**

- a. ADA/Training (If City of Bridgeport will cover costs)