## COMMISSION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES MEETING

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

Date: Thursday, October 10, 2024 Time: 6:00 PM

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

**MEMBER NOT PRESENT:** Jerome Roberts (Vice-Chairperson), Linda Lubin and Jennifer Rocha.

LIAISON TO THE COMMISSION: Nadine Douglas

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

Elliott introduced the guest: State Representative 127 District, Marcus Brown.

- State Representative 127 District, Marcus Brown commended the Commissioners for their dedication to the COMMISSION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.
- Marcus Brown thanked and congratulated the Commissioners for their service. And he presented a State of Connecticut Proclamation to each member of the COMMISSION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.
- The Proclamation acknowledged the Commissioners' crucial role in promoting Equal Rights, Opportunities and Access for all Individuals with Disabilities in our State.
- State Representative 127 District, Marcus Brown informed the Commission that with assistance from Anthony Paoleto, plans are pending for the Emergency Operation Center to contact each commissioner. Hereby, arrangements are being made to take pictures for badges.

Table Vote: September 2024 Minutes

Table Report: ADA Training Update

## **DISCUSSIONS**

- 1. Don: Reported that John Gentile, commissioner with Danbury's Commission For People With Disabilities has invited him and Larry to attend their meeting. The plan is that both will attend.
- 2. Elliott: Reported that he plans to submit an ADA grievance form and pictures of the "out of service elevator located at the downtown post office," to the City of Bridgeport, Office for Persons with Disabilities, on tomorrow (Oct. 11, 2024).

Meeting adjourned at 7 PM

Next Meeting Scheduled: November 7, 2024 - Time 6:00 PM

Brenda Dve, Secretary

Elliott Calderon, Chairperson

## **Follow-up Items**

- 1. Identification Badges for all Bridgeport Commission members expected by end of year 2018
- 2. ADA Training/workshops (Would fees be reduced or covered by COB?)
- 3. Process to get curb cuts or other street modifications for disabled residents
- 4. Information on how to join committee for I-95 Mobility Study
- 5. ADA Coordinator
- 6. \$500 Grant Funds