



City of Fall River Massachusetts

Commission on Disability

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Fall River Commission on Disability
Mass. Rehab. Commission – Conference Room
170 Pleasant St., 3rd Floor
March 14, 2013
Minutes

Called to Order: 2:03 PM

1: Roll Call:

Present: Lisa Atkinson, Michael Geary, Debbie Pacheco, Dennis Poselli, Vice.
Chairman, William Fontaine, Chairman
Staff: Brenda Ritz, HHS Head Clerk
Late: Ken Pacheco, Dr. Vaillancourt, MD

Note: Chairman Fontaine requested to divert from the order of business: No objections
Mrs. Debbie Pacheco was congratulated on her re-appointment to the Commission. She
was also recognized as one of the original members and also the longest serving member
on the Commission.

2: Public Input: None

3: Acceptance of minutes:

Motion: Mike Geary
Second: Lisa Atkinson

4: Bills and Communications:

a) Curtain Loft - Move to April, more information needed
b) Jerry Remy's - HP signs required.- Issue corrected.
c) Fire Station: Mrs. Camara (Board of Elections) and Ken Pacheco will have
corrected the problem of accessibility before the next election.

5: Awareness:

a) FRGTV program-focus on disability parking
b) Commission Brochure: Discussions on the content of Commission brochure. Mrs.
Pacheco will be the contact person. Any questions or suggestions will be directed to her.

6: Old Business:

- a) BETA- tabled until April 11, 2013
- b) Taxi/Van proposal: tabled to May 09, 2013
RFP is under review by the Legal Dept.

Mr. Pacheco requested that any questions on the RFP be submitted to him, within ten days of today (03/14/13)

Note: Agenda taken out of order:

- d) ADA compliance – Fall River Government Center

Mr. Pacheco stated that as an ongoing project, progress is being made .He will report at the June 13, 20113 with a check list of completed projects.

c) Sgt. Furtado: Reported the numbers of tickets and citations issued since the inception of the two full time officers for the HP Abuse Program.

Tickets: 1,133 Citations: 93

Sgt. Furtado emphasized the main goal of the two officers is education and the “Don’t and Do’s” of handicap parking laws.

Illegally parking in HP --\$200.00

Placard Misuse --\$500.00 –Plus 30 day loss of license-Plus \$200.00 ticket

Duplication of placard—Felony

Discussion: What happens to confiscated placards? Returned to Medical Review Board (RMV) Weekly by PD.

Time required for appeal to Medical Review Board. –Determined by MRB

The Commissioners agreed that the Police Offices are doing the job of educating not simply issues tickets. It was agreed to continue the program as it is run now.

Chairman requested Dr. Vallancourt express the Commissions “Thank You” to Pauline Gousie for the informative article published in the March issue of “FootPrints”

- e) Finance Sub-Committee:

Questions submitted to Mr. Pacheco to be relayed to Traffic Dept.
HP tickets issued by –PCO; Auxiliary Police; Environmental Police; Regular Police Patrol.

Discussion: Accountability of Commission funds.

How many tickets are unpaid? How many tickets appealed-the outcome of appeal? How many dismissed? Can the reasons for dismissal be corrected? Wrong HP signs? Plausible excuse? etc.

7: New Business:

a) ADA tools- Chairman Fontaine informed the Commission of his intent to bring before them a proposal for ADA compliant tools (Smart Level –Door pressure gauge)

8: Agenda For: April 11, 2013

- a) Curtain Loft
- b) Jerry Remy’s –Mr. Bisko will be asked to check on the adequate number of HP assigned areas, according to parking lot size/capacity.
- c) FRGTV---publicity program

- d) Commission Brochure
- e) BETA
- f) Police vehicle

Note: Mr. Pacheco relayed the Mayor's wish that the Commission meetings relocate to Government Center

9: Motion to Adjourn:

Motion: Dennis Polselli

Second: Mike Geary