



City of Fall River Massachusetts

Fall River Commission on Disability

C. SAMUEL SUTTER
Mayor

DENNIS POLSELLI
Chairman

DEBBIE PACHECO
Vice Chairman

Minutes from June 11, 2015

Called to order: 2:08 P.M.

- 1) Chairman Polselli opened the meeting by reading the "Open Meeting Law" from the Open Meeting Law Guide.
- 2) A moment of silence in tribute of the passing of our colleague, Michael Geary.
- 3) Roll Call: Chairman Dennis Polselli, Daniel Robillard, Ken Pacheco, Debbie Pacheco, Lisa Atkinson

Excused: Gary P. Howayeck, Esq. ADA Coordinator

Staff: Claudia Viens, HHS

Public Input: None

- 4) Acceptance of minutes: from May 14, 2015
Motion: Daniel Robillard
Second: Debbie Pacheco
All in favor none opposed abstentions: 0
- 5) Work Group Updates:
 - a. AAB/ADA: Mr. Robillard stated in the Government Center the monitors will soon be in visual impaired format, Mr. Pacheco will be working on the push pad for the first floor restroom and the City will be entering into an agreement with Perkins to lease or contract a Braille Machine.

Motion for this Commission to send a letter to Mayor Sutter asking to take the Old Second Street Alley back from the Re-Development Authority.

Motion: Daniel Robillard

Second: Ken Pacheco

Discussion:

Mr. Pacheco stated the alley on Old Second Street is between the Academy Bld., Hudner Bld. and Webster Bank. It needs attention in the summer (empty trash, planting) and in the winter (snow removal). If there is no snow removal the accessible exit for the Hudner Bld. residents will not be there.

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- b. By-laws and Policy: No updates at this time. Mr. Robillard recommends to rename the Work Group By-laws and Policies to just Policy's.
- c. Finance: Mrs. Atkinson stated the group will meet next week and report to the Commission at the August meeting. We have not received any reports from Mrs. Ferreira.

Chair. Polselli suggest to look back at the Dec 3, 2014 minutes, that is where the recommendations of the Finance Workgroup are outlined.

I would like to see a reporting structure by our August 13 meeting.

Mr. Robillard stated in terms on the meeting deadline, it is important that we receive the reports and data and how they will come to this Commission from Mrs. Ferreira.

Mr. Pacheco stated he will have a conversation with Mrs. Ferreira to produce the documents.

- d. Outreach: Housing Authority

Motion for Commission on Disability to send a letter requesting permission from Mr. David Sullivan, Executive Director of the Fall River Housing Authority requesting permission to use one of their meeting rooms for an offsite regular Commission on Disability meeting. The meeting will have Citizens Input to mainly focus on questions and concerns residents may have. Mr. Sullivan is welcome to provide opening remarks.

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All in favor none opposed abstentions: 0

Chairman Polselli stated he is working with WSAR for a schedule to come on the ADA 25th Anniversary for the week of July 20 – 24 or July 27 – 31. Also, I would like to have a Commission on Disability meeting at a Senior Center and maybe a guest speaker from Council on Aging.

Mr. Robillard suggested if a representative from this Commission could participate in an outreach meeting is very good.

6) Old Business: Ken Pacheco stated he will look into the Commissioner's Business cards.

7) New Business: There will be no Commission on Disability meeting in July.

Agenda for August 13, 2015

a) Accessible No. Park Land and Water Conservation Playground Presentation

b) HP Violation Hearings to be televised

8) Adjourn: 2: 53 pm

Motion: Debbie Pacheco

Second: Lisa Atkinson