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Barnstable Disability Commission
Minutes
April 17, 2019
Hyannis Youth & Community Center
141 Bassett Lane Hyannis, MA 02601

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Members present: Sheila Mulcahy, Vice Chair; Paul Logan; Steve Spillane; Marc Brunco; Linda McKinney; Paula Breagy; Denis Briand; Tammy Cunningham; and Sarah Nicholson.

Members Excused: Sabrina Kane

Guests: Jonathan Sproul, President of Cape Abilities; Jeff Carter, Building Department; and Alison Caron.

Approval of the minutes of March 20, 2019 – Paul Logan moved to approve, Steve Spillane seconded.

Discussion on the minutes of February 20, 2019 – The Commission began the discussion, but tabled to resume the conversation later in the meeting.

Financial Report – Current balance is \$98,154.26.

Request for funding from Jonathan Sproul, Cape Abilities – Mr. Sproul provided revised drawings of the kitchen island. He provided drawings of a kitchen designed at Community Connections which they are hoping to replicate. After much discussion and ideas shared with Mr. Sproul concerning lighting, moving the island away from the wall, and electricity to the island, Mr. Sproul stated he would provide updated information to the Commission by the next meeting with any revised drawings and final numbers. Mr. Sproul will email the information to Tammy Cunningham.

Scholarship Sub Committee – Linda McKinney stated Project Forward of Cape Cod Community College has a new director. Project Forward has selected two students as recipients of the scholarships and has asked if certificates can be mailed to them at Project Forward to be awarded at a dinner dance held on May 16th. The Director has also asked if the check can be mailed directly to Project Forward in the students names, as there has been some confusion in the past concerning registering students, etc.

Cape Cod Tech will be forwarding the name of their student. BHS will not provide the names of their students until May 15th.

Paul Logan made a motion to award the two scholarships to the Project Forward students in the amount of \$1250 each, Denis Briand seconded. Linda McKinney to email the information to Tammy Cunningham.

Posters Sub-committee – Alison Caron provided sample poster drawings on the topic of braille. The Commissioners provided Ms. Caron with suggestions and feedback on revisions to the posters. Ms. Caron will revise and provide an update to the Commission.

Architect Licensing Advocacy Project – Sarah Nicholson provided an update on this subject. Sarah stated that Massachusetts does not have an additional jurisdictional examination. Candidates sit for the National Architect Registration Exam administered by NCARB. She added that she has reached out to the Architectural Access Board, but has not heard back.

Dining Guide – Sarah Nicholson and Linda McKinney surveyed three establishments. They identified quite a few issues. It was also suggested modifying the guide to the most accessible dining guide.

Amendments to the February 20, 2019 minutes – After discussion and recollections on the topics of conversation of this meeting and delivery, the Commission modified the minutes to reflect the following:

Brian Florence, Building Commissioner on Marstons Mills, Barnstable Village, and Sea St. projects. Commission Members had a strong opinion on striping being enforced, Brian Florence expressed he hesitates to do so because there is an ongoing discussion on proper legal authority. This is an ongoing discussion with the Legal Department. i.e. West End Restaurant changes did not "trigger" the aspects of ADA qualifications requiring them to adhere to HC Parking rules. B. Florence said he would reach out to the State to clarify this issue. B. Florence recommends that the BDC focus on municipal buildings and compliance to ADA. S.Nicholson will follow up with assessor's office in obtaining a list of municipal buildings within the TOB.

Meeting adjourned at 12:07 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy L. Cunningham

The objective of the Barnstable Disability Commission is to advise and guide the Town of Barnstable the Town of Barnstable and the general public regarding issues of accessibility in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board. In addition, the Barnstable Disability Commission provides information and referral services to residents.