

**Commission for Persons with Disabilities
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 5th, 2021, 4pm
Room 319, Norwich City Hall
To attend virtually, Please call 860-215-8140 to attend. Meeting ID 4038191**

Present: Amy Dudek, Mark Marcy & Julie Menders .

Excused Absence: Cynthia Litton

Others Present: Brigid Marks

Call to Order: Mark called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Determination of Quorum: It was determined a quorum was present, with the current members in the commission (3/4).

Approval of Minutes: On a motion from Mark, seconded by Julie, the minutes from the September 3rd 2020 meeting were unanimously approved as presented.

Citizen Comments: None

Communications: None

Old Business:

Charging Stations Sub-Committee – Report: Julie has kept in contact with Chris from NPU and he will keep her updated of any changes or progress.

Westgate Shopping Center – Report: No updates, because it was established that Handicap parking was added to the Westgate Shopping Center during the last Commission for Persons with Disabilities meeting.

Anti-violence Initiative: Elanah and Kevin H. brought up this initiative after reading in the news about local residents with disabilities being attacked. The commission members present were unsure how to continue the initiative without their lead. So they decided to table the issue for a few months or next year when there are more commission members.

New Business:

Disability Awareness Week 2021: Commission members unanimously decided that there was not enough time or members to have the Disability Awareness week in October. Members discussed advertising for the next DAW and past events that have been successful. Mark loved the public forums with local legislators to discuss disability issues. Julie said a few people have contacted her about events for DAW. She wanted to get more commission members and have the week at a later time and not necessarily in October. Amy responded that they can have more meaningful events if they have more time.

Recruiting New Members: The commission has lost three members since their last meeting including Committee Chair Elanah Sherman, Kevin Harkins, and Kevin Saythany. Julie, Amy and Mark do not want to become the chair of the commission.

Mark made a motion to temporarily change the rules of the Commission for Persons with Disabilities until they get more commission members. It was seconded by Julie and unanimously approved by the commission.

It's important because Quorum is 5 but there are currently 4 people on the commission. Julie will reach out to others about joining the commission Mark brought up the procedures of joining the commission and then they discussed whether the commission could continue without leadership.

Adjournment: On a motion from Julie, seconded by Mark, the meeting adjourned at 4:52 PM. The next meeting will be at 4 PM on Thursday, September 2nd, 2021 at Norwich City Hall in Room 319.

Meeting Minutes Written by Ivery Stakley on August 10, 2021.