

East Hartford Commission on Services for Persons with Disabilities Meeting minutes

Tuesday May 14, 2019

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Bernie Corona , Marie Beaulier, Vanessa Jenkins, Art Parker, Sunilda Caninero.

Absent : None

Speaker Santiago Malave – ADA Coordinator for the Town of East Hartford

Public present- Marc Weinberg

Special action by the Commission:

Marie asked for a moment of silence for Florence Schroeder – Marc Weinberg spoke about how Florence and her husband were two of the nicest people he had ever met.

A motion was made by Chair Beaulier to send a \$25 donation to First Congregational Church in memory of Florence. Motion seconded by Bernie Corona, all members were in favor, motion carried.

Acting Secretary's Report : Vanessa sent the Commission's meeting schedule to Channel 5. This may help increase visibility, attendance and community awareness.

A motion made by Chair Beaulier to elect Vanessa Jenkins as secretary for the Commission seconded by Art Parker and Sunilda Caninero simultaneously. Further discussion by the commission on paying a stipend per meeting to the secretary. In lieu of a stipend, Vanessa suggested to be reimbursed for supplies such as paper and ink. Vanessa will submit receipts to the Chair for approval and reimbursement.

Liaison report on the Commission for Aging- Marie updated us on the move to the new location of the South End Senior Center. Much work to be completed and will probably take a couple years to complete. She will continue to update us on the progress.

The Commission on Aging held a Mayor's Breakfast which was well received and of course Mayor Leclerc attended.

Old Business: There was discussion of adding a special meeting on October 8, 2019. The reason is that October Fest is the end of the month and the commission always has a presence at the fest, the extra meeting would be for additional planning. The October Fest is our only public appearance. A motion was made to add the special meeting. Marie will contact and communicate this addition to the appropriate town department.

Guest Speaker: Santiago Malave is the Human Resource Director and ADA Coordinator for the Town of East Hartford. As ADA Coordinator he has the responsibility of assuring that new construction and existing buildings are compliant with the ADA policy. Also, Mr. Malave has the responsibility of providing

assistance to those employees that need reasonable accommodations and assuring that these accommodations meet the needs of the employee.

Comments: We welcomed two new members to the commission. Congratulatory letters were read appointing Sunilda Caninero as of March 19,2019 and Art Parker as of April 16,2019.

Motion made by the Chair to adjourn, seconded by Art, motion carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:06PM.

Next Meeting- September 10, 2019 6:30PM Town Hall Welling Conference Hall.

Have a great Summer!!!

Respectfully Submitted,

Vanessa Jenkins

Secretary- Commission on Services for Persons With Disabilities