

COMMITTEE CONCERNING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES MEETING MINUTES

City of Middletown
245 DeKoven Drive Room 208
May 7, 2013
6:30 PM

1. Members Present: Marty Knight, Chairperson, Richard Pelletier, Keith Vinci, Stephen Shapiro, August DeFrance, Joseph Carta “present via conference call”, Karen Nocera, Staff, Parks and Recreation, McKenzie Guevarez, Youth in Govt. Representative, Denese Samuels, Youth in Government, Abigail Nolan, Youth in Government

Absent: Marie Hurley, Elderrean Paules

Staff Present: Debbie Stanley, Acting Director of Parks and Recreation & Senior Center

General Public: none

2. Meeting Called to Order: Called to order at 6:34pm.

3. Public Hearing: none

4. Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the meeting minutes of April 2, 2013, was made by Keith Vinci and seconded by Richard Pelletier. The motion was passed with 2 abstentions.

Departmental Reports:

- Richard Pelletier discussed that the South Cove Committee has been given permission through the City council to hire a very good consultant. He will obtain more information on this next week.
- August DeFrance discussed that the Building Committee is still meeting every two weeks and reviewing the inside of the building. The back of the newsletter had an explanation of the tax credits that was very informative. The Building Committee is determining wall color and interior colors. A discussion ensued.
- Marty Knight said that Ellie called him prior to the meeting to report that there are no new issues at Monarca Place. She could not be in attendance because as President of the Middletown Lion’s Club she had to attend that meeting which was scheduled at the same time.
- Karen Nocera discussed that the Parks & Recreation Department is busy handling their summer registrations. The senior cruise with the Lady Katherine is coming up and is currently filled with a wait list of 20. A discussion ensued.

Old Business

- **Parking issue at 118 Newfield Street Unit 8:**
 - Resolved
- **Sidewalk issues on Newfield Street:**
 - Ongoing

New Business:

Miscellaneous:

- Karen discussed the fact that she receives the minutes by email and also through USPS. She asked the Committee if it was necessary to receive the minutes in both manners. It was discussed that if the minutes are copied and pasted into an email then Marty Knight would not need a hard copy. Elderrean Paules would need a hard copy because she does not have a computer. It was discussed

that a determination be made of which members get the minutes via email or USPS. A discussion ensued.

- Phil Cacciola sent a letter to the Mayor's office to request that he be appointed to the Committee Concerning People with Disabilities to replace Judy Merida. It is unknown whether or not he was appointed to this Committee at the Council Meeting on Monday, May 6, 2013. A motion was made by August DeFrance and seconded by Keith Vinci to write a letter to the Mayor's office requesting that Phil Cacciola be appointed to the Committee Concerning People with Disabilities to replace Judy Merida. A discussion ensued.
- Keith Vinci was reappointed to the Committee Concerning People with Disabilities for another 5 year term.
- Debbie Stanley discussed an issue regarding a woman requesting curb cut outs on Newfield Street so that she can get to Vet's pool by using the sidewalk instead of having to drive her scooter on Newfield Street. She can get up onto the sidewalk but there is no cut out or ramp to get down from it at the intersection of Fisher Road. The State and City are going back and forth to determine who is responsible. This has been ongoing for almost a year now. The City is working to resolve this issue. A discussion ensued.

Adjournment: A motion of adjournment was made by Stephen Shapiro and was seconded by Richard Pelletier. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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