

Commission on Disabilities

2/12/2018 meeting

The meeting started at 6:03 pm. The Commission had 3 members in attendance: Nadine Autry, Amy Crehan, and Edith Jurchak.

3 current applicants were also in attendance: Mr. John Gretz, Ms. Shauna Mulcahy, and Ms. Karen Duffy. There are currently 4 applicants for the 5 openings on the Commission.

The applicants in attendance introduced themselves and explained why they wanted to be on the Commission. The Commission members introduced themselves and explained that they are all new members and are trying to grow the membership. With the limited membership it was decided that we would not have a table at the upcoming SCAC event however, we would share a table with another vendor and put out some information at the event.

The Commission shared with Mr. Gretz that they would be setting up a formal interview with him and Ms. Marsha Flowers (another current applicant). This would be the next step in the membership process.

During introductions, the 2 new applicants shared a little as to why they want to become members. Shauna Mulcahy works for the Arc of Frederick and has always volunteered her time working with disabled youth and adults. Karen Duffy works with disabled adults and also has a now adult child with a disability and wants to give back to her community.

Existing applicant John Gretz stated that in 2013 he was required to file official written complaints with multiple Federal and State Agencies in order to compel Frederick County to be in compliance with the ADA regulations pertaining to sidewalks, curb cuts, and crosswalks. Mr. Gretz's official complaint filings resulted in Frederick County receiving a 10 year Federal/State Directive compelling the County to repair, construct, and reconstruct 2,000+ curb ramps and 20+ miles of sidewalks. The cost to come into compliance with all ADA accessibility regulations within all of the Public Rights-of Way within Frederick County is estimated to be \$ 10+ million dollars.

Board members gave various reports on transportation, safety, new programs, and events that are happening in the County in regards to the disabled community.

The Commission went into a closed session regarding new applications for membership and the selection process at 6:55 pm.

Updated Spreadsheet to include new phone calls, updated website and Facebook as requested.