

Frederick County Commission on Disabilities (COD) Minutes

Monday July 13, 2020

Virtual Meeting

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chair Karen Duffy who recognized the existence of a quorum and called for approval of the meeting agenda, which was done by unanimous vote.

- II. Attendance
The following members were present: Karen Duffy, Karen Rushing, Theresa Posthuma and Darrell Batson.
Also present were David Drezner and County staff members Miles Ward and Pat Fleet.

- III. The March minutes were approved unanimously after a motion by Theresa Posthuma and a second by Karen Rushing.

- IV. David Drezner and Lisa Clark were recommended for appointment to the COD by the Executive Committee. A motion was made by Karen Duffy with a second by Theresa Posthuma to approve recommending these appointments. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

- V. Business
 - a. The process for nominating officers was discussed. The chair appointed Theresa Posthuma and Karen Rushing to serve as the nominating committee. They will touch base

with all of the commission members to see if they would like to serve in any of the capacities. They will return to the August meeting with a slate of officers to be voted upon.

- b. The ADA 30th year celebration that was planned for this month was cancelled due to COVID19. Ideas were discussed about a celebration in 2021. Possibilities would be to have a 31st anniversary in 2021 because it will be unique. Everyone agreed that it was a good idea for possibly July 2021.
- c. Karen Duffy posed the question what we can do now about inequality and injustice. She asked everyone to think about it. Anything that the members think could be helpful to put on social media should be sent to Karen Duffy. Social media can and will be used for awareness.
- d. Karen Duffy asked what other issues the members want to see worked on by the COD. Everyone agreed that they would think about it before the next meeting. Creating a list of resources was brought up.
- e. Speakers for upcoming COD meetings was discussed. Members talked about the police department and how they would communicate with a person with a disability. The questions would we like to have someone from each jurisdiction answer are: How do they handle an encounter with a person with a disability? What tools do they have available? How often is information disseminated to officers and are they given a reminder about the policies from time to time.

There was also interest in hearing about library services for people with disabilities. Several members expressed interest in knowing more about programs and assistance that have been developed, and how they are working?

VI. The meeting was adjourned.