

Frederick County Commission on Disabilities (COD) Minutes

Monday September 14, 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, Theresa Posthuma, Darrell Batson, Evan Evans, David Drezner, and Lisa Clark. County staff members Miles Ward and Pat Fleet, County Council representative Steve McKay, and Meghan Jancuk from Scott Key Center also attended. New members Lisa Clark and David Drezner were welcomed.

- III. The slate of officers was presented to the Commission:
Chair – Karen Duffy
Vice Chair – David Drezner
Treasurer – Lisa Clark
Secretary - Evan Evans
A vote in favor of approving the officers was unanimous with a motion made by Theresa Posthuma and a second by Evan Evans.

- IV. Business
 - a. Committee assignments and goals: a Committee was formed to create a speaker’s panel for the upcoming 31st anniversary event and also speakers for future meetings.

David Drezner will take the lead and the Executive Committee will work on the planning. Meghan Jancuk also is willing to help.

Miles Ward will ask Stuart Harvey or someone from his office to speak at the next meeting. Steve McKay suggested we have someone from the county address sidewalks and ADA compliance. And that someone from the City of Frederick be invited to discuss what the city is doing to ensure ADA compliance on sidewalks and curb cuts, and other accessibility issues. It was suggested that someone should speak about how the recent protests affected members of the disabled community.

- b. Karen Duffy asked members to think about ways that the COD could become more visible, and make connections in the community. This would help us shape the event planned for next year regarding the 31st anniversary of the ADA. Attending events and sharing the information will help with the community outreach. Members were asked to attend events when they can and make a report back to the commission. Steve McKay suggested that the commission possibly reach out to individuals with disabilities during this time of COVID maybe by contacting the County Health Department or Frederick Health Hospital.
 - c. Voice of America has asked to interview a COD member about how COVID-19 has impacted people in the deaf community in Frederick. Karen Duffy will respond.
- V. Evan Evans spoke with Kathleen Porter from Frederick Community College. She said FCC will choose safety over accessibility in regards to COVID-19.

VI. The meeting was adjourned.