



Frederick County Commission on Disabilities

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Minutes from Meeting, January 12, 2015

Attendees: Keith Nolan, Gil House, Monica Kirkpatrick, Mari Lee, Jeanine Aubertin, Cheryl Triantos, Malorie Marti

Visitors – Joanne McArdle, Russ Schramm, John Gretz

Meeting called to order 6:07 pm

- Welcomed the visitors and opened the meeting with Public Comments
 - Joanne McArdle advised the Commission of an issue with no handicap parking spaces being available at the Department of Social Services parking lot. Her and her husband have requested the Commissions help to make sure the parking lot is ADA compliant and that parking is made available for people using the services in the building. Gil House from the Commission advised that the parking lot is being leased by the Frederick County Public Schools Main building and he would look into the issue by meeting with the building manager of the building. Commission was given contact information and will update at the next meeting on progress
 - John Gretz spoke about his success with the detectable warning systems and the sidewalks curb cuts by bringing the SHA and DOJ into the issue. He feels that the Commission did not do enough to help him in his efforts. The Commission advised Mr. Gretz that the Commission does not have enforcement powers
- Gil House gave update on the voting / handicap issue that Ms. Diane Smolley brought to the Commissions attention last month. Gil visited with Stuart Harvey and concluded that the issue was with the placement of the signs outside the building and it was quickly addressed. There was a handicap accessible entrance for the election at North Frederick Elem. School.
- Keith Nolan – gave update on campaign to allow deaf / hard of hearing into the service, advised he had a meeting with Senator John McCain and he is optimistic about the bill, the rally was nice and many people attended in DC. Keith also shared a article titled “People with disabilities fight for voice at polls” Keith would like to see the Commission make one of their focuses for the 2015 year on ensuring that people with disabilities in Frederick County know of their right to vote and that they have access to voting.
- The Commission had 2 phone calls last month
 - One citizen needs assistance with finding transportation to Holy Cross Hospital for doctor visits in Silver Spring
 - Phone call form citizen who needs assistance with getting power of attorney – gave number to legal aid.
 - Phone call from citizen who needs housing and employment help. Advised about DORS and Workforce Services

- Marti advised that the Wait list is open for section 8 for the first time in over 2 years. Asked for information to be shared on the Commission's Facebook page. Shared informational handouts with commission members regarding the ABLE Act and US Dept of Labor Workforce Innovation.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm