

WESTLAND COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY CONCERNS

July 19, 2021

Regular Meeting Minutes

The Committee on Disability Concerns held a regular meeting on Monday, July 19, 2021 in Community Room C, Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI 48185. Meeting called to order by Chairperson Schuholz at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Chairperson Ray Schuholz; Committee members: Steve Smith, Lisa Kurzynski. Absent: Judith McKinney (Excused). Others present: Human Resource Director, Stephani Field.

Agenda: Schuholz moved to approve the regular meeting agenda with the removal of Item #2 under New Business; Kurzynski seconded. Motion Carried.

Approval Meeting Minutes: Smith motioned to approve minutes of May 3, 2021 with a change to Item #4 adding "Ethnicity" as an additional area to add diversity to the committee; Schuholz seconded to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 3, 2021 with the change to add "ethnicity" as an additional area to add diversity to the committed. Motion Carried

New Business

1. Neighborhood Services Director, Hassan Saad, provided an update to the committee and provided his contact information for any questions or concerns the committee may have regarding Neighborhood Services. Committee Member, Steve Smith, asked why animal control officer vehicle had been parked in handicap spot at DPS yard.
2. Parks Director, Kyle Mulligan provided an update on Parks Grant. Committee Members, Steve Smith, questioned chain at Voss Park.
3. Officer Kevin Yudt, Westland Police Department provided an update to the committee on current events involving the police department.
 - a. Persons with Disability Day pushed to the fall
 - b. Stickers for vehicles and front door of houses that reflect a person with autism is in the vehicle or lives at the house. These stickers will be at the front desk as the police station.
 - c. There are bags available at the police station for persons with autism. The bags include coloring books, headphones/ear muffs, sensory items, etc.
 - d. Card for individuals hard of hearing/people with hearing loss.
4. Schuholz motioned to hold next meeting of the Committee on Disability Concerns on the following recommended dates: August 16, 2021; September 20, 2021; October 18, 2021; November 15, 2021; December 20, 2021. Smith supported. Motion carried.
5. Committee Goals for remainder of 2021 discussed and committee members to share thoughts on goals at the next regular meeting.

Unfinished Business

None at this time.

Audience Comments

1. Brent Mikulski, President/CEO of Services to Enhance Potential "STEP" discussed Mental Health First Aid throughout Wayne County. Will provide information to Officer Yudt.

Announcements

None at this time.

Board Comments:

1. Smith – Handicap issues, stay on top of the City. Questioned the number of handicap porta-potty units at parks throughout the city. Recommended meeting in council chambers to accommodate residents with a disability.

Adjournment: Kurzynski moved, Schuhholz seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephani S. Field
Human Resource Director