

Commission for People with Disabilities
July 15, 2008
Higher Education Building
Minutes

Attendees:

Christi Bishop
Susan Erichsen
Margaret Stewart
Sherri St. Clair
Pam Main
Dennis Phillips
Cathy Zumbrun
Bill Nicholas
J. Campbell

Excused:

Julie Randall
Cindy Phillips
Marie Robinson
Paula Andreas
Rocco Aiello
Mark Kalmus
Darlene Stalcup

Guests:

Jackie Fournier
Sam Brown
Vicki Brown

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm by S. Erichsen. The meeting agenda and June minutes were distributed and reviewed by attendees. A motion was made by D. Phillips to approve the June minutes, seconded by S. St. Clair, minutes approved with an amendment to revise C. Zumbrun & J. Campbell's incorrect spelling of names.

Mr. Bennett Connelly was unable to attend due to commitment with Capital for a Day planning. Mr. Connelly will attend the September meeting.

County Compliance/Laws and/or Regulations

- S. Erichsen informed members that the June 17 new ADA standards for design were published in Federal Register and refer to link provided in C. Bishop's email to read more about the proposed changes. Email J. Faun ADA Standards.

Finance Report

- No report.

Committee Status Reports

Awareness

- The Disability Etiquette book has been downloaded 4,677 times, have also given out 1,000 copies and have about 300 copies left.

County Fair Booth staffing

- C. Bishop reserved a table and is waiting on email for the date.

ADA Accessibility

- New appointments announcements will be tabled until next meeting in September.
- J. Randall and C. Bishop visited St. Mary's College regarding accessibility. C. Bishop did half hour training on accessible special events and it was poorly attended. C. Bishop made offer to college staff to come back again for training. J. Randall will be back in contact with the College regarding accessibility problems.

M. Stewart attended the River Concert Series at St. Mary's College and shared her comments about accessibility:

- The approach to footbridge has dips and rocks/gravel and hard for wheelchair to go over these.
- The seating accommodations were sitting on the grass; if grass was wet/muddy this could cause the wheelchair to get stuck.
- The restrooms are portable toilets and one was accessible for people who needed assistance to go in. On other side of restrooms the sidewalk was repaired with tar but was uneven and if person in wheelchair was not paying close attention could flip.
- J. Faun made comment that there is no path to go to the front of stage and not a clear accessible way to get out in an emergency.

Needs Assessment Gap Analysis

- No report.

Awards

- First mailing done, looking for more address data base from commission members. Email addresses to S. Erichsen. S. Erichsen will call Chamber of Commerce to see if she can borrow there email database.

Need for Donations for Awards in October

- Need financial aide to produce plaques for people who are being recognized. Need a business to sponsor the purchase of awards and they would be recognized either on the award or in the paper.

Events/Resources/Conferences

- No report.

Old Business

- No report.

New Business

Capital for a Day

- The Governor will be coming down to Leonardtown for the day and Secretary Raggio from the governor's cabinet will tour the Center of Life Enrichment at the end of their day to see how they get on the bus and how many people are using that facility. Then at that there will be an hour long round table and C. Zumbrun will present on transportation issues in the county. P. Andreas will also discuss some of the medical issues, i.e.: lack of services, adult programming, etc. After the round table Secretary Raggio will go to Greenwell's Knott Lodge at 4:00 pm for a informal reception where she will have a half hour meet and greet and will answer questions. C. Bishop needs RSVP from commission members who will be attending the round table.

Postponement of Elections

- Send members email that elections will be at the September meeting.

Postponement of Bylaws

- Send members email to review and this will be addressed at the September meeting. Mail hardcopy of bylaws to M. Stewart.

Review for next meeting

- Next meeting is September 16, 2008 at 4:30 pm.

Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.