

City of Fall River Massachusetts

COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

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Chairman

Debbie Pacheco
Vice-Chairwoman

Minutes of the Fall River Commission on Disability
Meeting held Thursday, August 8, 2019
One Government Center
City Council Chambers

Chairman Dennis Polselli called the meeting to order at 3:10 PM.

1. Commissioner Sgt. Michael Hoar opened the meeting by reading the Open Meeting Law statement.
2. **Public Input:**

Dan Robillard - 145 Old Second Street, Fall River MA

Mr. Robillard spoke in regards to the bowling event. Mr. Robillard believes these are the types of events that he envisioned, and believes this is what the Commission should be focusing on.

Mr. Robillard also spoke in opposition on the spending of \$80,000 on two police cruisers. Mr. Robillard believes that both cruisers will not be used solely for the Disability Commission, and is not the best use for Commission money.

3. **Members Present:** Commission Chairman, Dennis Polselli; Vice Chairwoman Debbie Pacheco; Commissioner Lisa Silva; Commissioner Sgt. Michael Hoar; Commissioner Cathy Ann Viveiros

Others Present: Peter Botelho, HHS; Pamela Martin, FRGTV; Brandon Gulnick, City Granter Writer

Absent: Attorney Gary P. Howayeck, Esq., ADA; Commissioner Robert Rei

4. **Approval of the minutes for the meeting of May 23, 2019, tabled from the June 13th meeting. Approval of the minutes for the meeting of June 13, 2019.**

Motion: Commissioner Hoar made a motion to lift from the table the approval of the minutes for the meeting of May 23, 2019.

Second: Commissioner Viveiros

Approval of Minutes: May 23, 2019

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Hoar

Second: Vice Chairwoman Pacheco

All in favor; none opposed; abstentions: 0

Approval of Minutes: June 13, 2019

Motion to Accept: Commissioner Viveiros

Second: Commissioner Hoar

All in favor; none opposed; abstentions: 0

5. Work Group Updates

A. ADA Update: Report on the Transition Plan and Self-Assessment by Tammy Moutinho, Project Manager for the Department of Facilities and Maintenance.

Brandon Gulnick – City Grant Writer

Mr. Gulnick spoke with Tammy Moutinho and Ms. Moutinho stated that the Institute for Human Centered Design continue to working on the reports. The Institute plans to send the outdoor area and a limited number of municipal building reports by the end of next week. All the voting facilities have been completed. Once the reports are complete The Institute of Human Center Designed will provide the city information on how to make ADA improvements throughout the city and parks.

The city will be able to apply for construction funding as long as the city has the draft plan before October 9th, 2019. According to Chris Gallagher there are plans to start on the Council Chamber to make it handicap accessible. However, Commissioner Viveiros does believe the plans could be for the City Council Hearing Room, since the Chamber is already handicap accessible.

Commissioner Viveiros stated if the Commission has strong opinions on projects, they should feel free to share those opinions with Mr. Gulnick. Brail signage will be done throughout the entire building. Commissioner Viveiros suggested to Mr. Gallagher that Chairman Polselli proof the signage.

The reports will be made available to the Commission on Disability.

B. Policies: Debbie Pacheco Vice Chairwoman of the Commission

No updates, at this time.

C. Finance:

1. Action on two Police Cruisers. Proposal from Sgt. Kevin Dolan, Fall River Police Department.

Motion: Commissioner Hoar made a motion to lift from the table the action on two police cruisers.

Second: Vice Chairwoman Pacheco

All in favor; none opposed; abstentions: 0

Motion: Commissioner Viveiros made a motion to support the Police Departments request for the Disability Commission to purchase two cruisers for exclusive use for the officers assigned to the handicap parking enforcement and payments be made to the department annually representing 25% each of the next four years for the cost of the two vehicles being purchased.

Second: Commissioner Hoar

Amended Motion: Commissioner Viveiros amended the motion to include that the arrangement should be in writing and payments continue for the 4 year duration providing the arrangement with the police department continue within that same timeframe.

Second: Commissioner Hoar

Commissioner Viveiros withdrew her motion, and Commissioner Hoar withdrew his second and a new motion was then made.

Motion: Commissioner Viveiros made a new motion that the Disability Commission vote to approve the request from the Fall River Police Department to assist in the purchase of two police vehicles to be used exclusively for handicap parking enforcement. The cost shall be divided within a 4 year payment and each of those payments be made annually. Additionally, there shall be an agreement between Police Department and the Disability Commission in writing outlining the terms of the payment and vehicles be marked as Handicap Enforcement vehicles.

Second: Vice Chairwoman Pacheco

All in favor; 1 opposed; abstentions: 0

2. Action on establishing a TIPs Line for Disability Parking Enforcement.

Motion: Commissioner Hoar made a motion to lift from the table the action on establishing a TIPs Line for Disability Parking Enforcement.

Second: Commissioner Viveiros

All in favor; none opposed; abstentions: 0

Motion: Commissioner Viveiros made a motion to authorize the establishing of a TIPs line for Disability Parking Enforcement.

Second: Vice Chairwoman Pacheco

All in favor; none opposed; abstentions: 0

3. Allocation of funds for Disability Awareness Day, Kuss Middle School on Saturday, September 28, 2019.

Commissioner Silva sent out an e-mail to all vendors who participated last year. Nine vendors, including Audible Local Ledger will be present. There were fifteen vendors last year and there is more than enough room. Last year the Commission allocated \$6,000.

Motion: Commissioner Hoar made a motion to allocate up to \$6,000 for Disability Awareness Day on September 28, 2019.

Second: Vice Chairwoman Pacheco

All in favor; none opposed; abstentions: 0

- D. Outreach – Lisa Silva, Robert Rei, and Dennis Polselli. Report on Bowling and Pizza Party that was held on June 15, 2019 by Lisa Silva.

Commissioner Silva stated that the Bowling and Pizza Social was a good event, and there was a great turnout. There were about 35 participants. There was a diverse population including representation of people with different disabilities. Commissioner Silva compiled a mailing list for future events.

6. Old Business

Chairman Polselli completed the Advanced Training and encourages Commissioners to take advantage. This training breaks down laws and tools for building accessibility.

7. New Business:

1. Formal vote to eliminate the Finance Sub-Committee

Motion: Commissioner Viveiros made a motion to eliminate the Finance Sub-Committee

Second: Vice Chairwoman Pacheco

All in favor; none opposed; abstentions: 0

2. Next meeting – Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 3:00 PM.
There will be a voting for officers.

8. **Adjourn:**

Motion to Accept: Vice Chairwoman Pacheco

Second: Commissioner Hoar

All in favor; none opposed; abstentions: 0

Documents Distributed

Agenda

Minutes from the meeting of May 23, 2019

Minutes from the meeting of June 13, 2019

MHQ quote for two police cruisers