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Commission on Disabilities Meeting Minutes

City Hall 4th Second Floor Meeting Room II

September 10, 2018

Present: Sally Esposito, Billy Huang, Kurtis Kearney, Tricia Palluzzi, and Robin Tousey-Ayers

Staff: Michelle Duprey

Absent: Iva Long, Matthew Ranelli, Jack Tsai, and Paula Pernal

Guests: Gicel Aguilar & Clarence Edward Phillips, Jr.

Meeting called to order at 5:35 p.m.

Minutes

The Commission members reviewed the June Minutes. No changes and corrections were made. Sally moved to approve the June Minutes with the corrections. Billy seconded the motion, and the June Minutes were approved.

Chairpersons Report

1. Upcoming Topics for Commission
2. Elections for 2019

Department Report

1. Susan Hoff is leaving Yale New Haven Hospital. Will notify Commission of her replacement next week.
2. Schedule for 2019 available in October. Jack Tsai unable to make meetings on for next year.
3. Elections for 2019 should take place at City Hall along with Commissioner's Roles
4. Train Issue-CT Railway between New Haven & Springfield, Order by Federal Rail Administration to keep bathrooms closed until repairs are complete. Subsequent complaint received by individual with Cronin's disease. Federal Rail Administration amended Order that every Rail must have one (1) bathroom open. No date attached to the availability of the new trains.

Old Business

1. Elections for 2019
2. Issue of Jack Tsai's absence & schedule of other members
3. Seven (7) empty seats on the Commission
4. Sidewalk Issues/schedule of public forum re Foxon Road & Eastern Street from Walgreens to Bella Vista. Attendance at upcoming Northeast Pedestrian Safety Summit in October might be helpful-livability issues.
5. Tentative Meeting at Bella Vista October 13 or 15.
6. Elevator Issue-Alders Sal DeCola & Richard Furlow to attend October meeting

New Business

1. Disability-related Emails to follow
2. 2018 Disability Rights Forum on October 11, 2018 at Red Line Hotel at 3-8 p.m. New Haven is not a recipient of funds.

Other Business

1. None

Public Comment/Announcements

1. Clarence Edward Phillips, Jr., from Homeless Commission re accessibility for 83-85 Division Street
2. Next meeting October 22, 2018

Sally made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Kurtis seconded the motion.

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting was approved unanimously at 7:00 p.m.