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**BILLY HUANG**  
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**Commission on Disabilities Meeting Minutes**  
New Haven City Hall, Second Floor Meeting Room II  
**February 10, 2020**

**Present:** Sally Esposito, Billy Huang, Tricia Palluzzi, Robin Tousey-Ayers  
**Staff:** Michelle Duprey  
**Absent:** Kurtis Kearney  
**Guests:** Doug Housladen

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Billy Huang at 6:14 pm at which time a quorum was present.

**II. Minutes**

T. Palluzzi made a motion to accept the January 13, 2020 minutes with the correction of the spelling of Taijah Anderson. The motion was seconded by S. Esposito and was approved unanimously with no abstentions.

**III. Guest: Doug Housladen**

**A. Move New Haven**

- The study was completed in Nov. 2019.
- 1-2 stakeholder meetings were held.
- NH has 73% of ridership but very little say in the administration of CT Transit.
- If no new funding is raised, what is currently there will be built on.
- Change will focus on the B & D lines (4 lines) which carry 60% of the service.
- The call is for 1) a new type of service on B & D (high frequency, “fast track”)  
2) New crosstown service using 4 mini-hubs.
- Strategies to improve CT Transit without new funds: includes signaling, bus stop consolidation to the recommended quarter mile distance, and a new bus stop standard.
- A new temporary bus stop at 129 Church Street is to be installed in May.
- DOT cited people with disabilities causing bus to be late.
- City has \$100K to transit improvement like bus shelters
- There are two SCROG projects: Elm Street Pilot – what would a two-way Elm Street do for bus service? (refer to p. 45-48 of the Move New Haven study)

**B. Safe Streets New Haven**

- New Haven has more vehicular deaths than from gun violence.

- There will be a resident group monthly meeting on Feb 27<sup>th</sup> at the Whalley Mgt. Team (in front of Minore's Market).
- "Safe routes for all" – no bike or pedestrian or transit plan in NH so we don't know where count-down signals are, no sidewalks, safe bus pads, etc.

C. Audible Crosswalks and timing to cross

- There is a push for audible signals which are desired by the community.
- State Rep. Roland Lemar is working on Rt. 80 issues.

D. Other

- GNHTD needs members.

#### **IV. Chairperson's Report**

B. Huang reported on the following:

- The Yale Economic Development Symposium at the School of Management will include a session on Smart Cities. It will take place Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup> from 9-6:30. The website is <https://www.yaleeconomicdevelopment.com/>.
- Billy will give a talk on healthcare entrepreneurship on Wed., Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 at IVES Library for Tsai City.

A motion to table the remaining items until the next meeting and adjourn was made by B. Huang and seconded by R. Tousey-Ayers. The motion was approved with no abstentions.

#### **V. Department Report**

A. Electronic Media ADA Compliance Memo

#### **VI. Old Business**

A. Commission Report:

- B. ADA Anniversary Committee: B. Huang suggested that an ADA Anniversary Committee be created. S. Esposito made the motion and T. Palluzzi seconded and creation of the Committee was unanimously approved.

#### **VII. New Business**

A.

#### **VIII. Public Comment/Announcements**

There were no public comments or announcements.

#### **IX. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sally Esposito, Secretary