

COMMITTEE CONCERNING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES MEETING MINUTES

City of Middletown

61 Durant Terrace – Recreation/Community Service Building

April 5, 2016

6:00 PM

1. Members Present: Marty Knight/Chairperson, Marie Hurley, Joe Carta – via conference call, Keith Vinci, Phil Cacciola, August DeFrance, Joe Bibisi

Absent: Elderrean Paules, Richard Pelletier, Sky Binney – Youth in Government

Staff Present: Deb Stanley – Acting Director, Recreation/Community Services, Karen Nocera, Recreation/Community Services

General Public:

2. Meeting Called to Order: Called to order at 6:00pm.

3. Public Hearing:

4. Approval of Minutes: *A motion to approve the meeting minutes of March 1, 2016, was made by Marie Hurley and seconded by Keith Vinci. The motion was passed. Joe Bibisi abstained.*

Departmental Reports:

- Marty Knight welcomed Joe Bibisi as a new committee member.
- Phil Cacciola questioned Joey Carta about the issues at his home; ramp, mailbox, and door. Joey said that there is a new door to be installed in his garage when the weather breaks. A discussion ensued. Phil also questioned the audible walk signals on Church and Broad Streets. Marty said that he has been told by David that the work order is in place. Keith added that in New Haven the poles have a railing around to help guide to the button. A discussion ensued.
- Marie Hurley stated that the Mattabeset project is moving along. The forced main is almost done. It is almost ready to go to bid. A discussion ensued.
- Karen Nocera thanked Keith for teaching the song “Let It Be” in sign language to the children in the Unified Theater play. She also discussed the upcoming Fishing Derby which will be held at the pond on Butternut Street on April 30th. The brochure will be coming out on May 1st. A discussion ensued.
- Keith Vinci thanked Karen for the great job with the Unified Theater play. A discussion ensued.
- Joe Carta stated that Karen does a great job with the Unified Theater program.
- Deb Stanley thanked Karen and Keith for their work in the play. She also discussed the upcoming Fishing Derby and 50’s night at the Senior Center. A discussion ensued.
- Marty Knight stated that all is well at Monarca Place (per Ellie who is sick and unable to attend meeting). On May 5th from 5-9 pm, Denny’s is donating 5% of total sales to the Lions Club. A discussion ensued.
- August DeFrance stated that he has been assigned to the Boathouse Building Committee as a representative from the Committee Concerning People with Disabilities. A discussion ensued.

Old Business

New Business:

Miscellaneous:

Adjournment: *A motion of adjournment was made by Marie Hurley and was seconded by Joey Carta. The motion carried unanimously.* The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

For Public Consumption; Patrice Barrett, the Middletown Brownfield Community Outreach Coordinator from the Planning, Conservation and Development Department spoke about the CDC grant to redevelop brownfield properties in Middletown. The purpose of this grant project is; improve the overall health of Middletown citizens, focus on three neighborhood areas (North and South ends, Downtown), work to educate and address public concerns around brownfield lands and their reuse, and redevelop a brownfield property for recreation and green space use. A discussion ensued.

Respectfully submitted,

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