

Committee on Disability Issues

(Informal Minutes)

Date of Meeting: February 25, 2019

Time Started: 5:40 PM (Call to Order)

Time Finished: 6:26 PM

Roll Call: Members	Present	Absent	Excused
Tori Child	x		
Trudy Lynn	x		
Phillip Martinez	x		
Jesse Smith	x		
Cathe Wright		x	
Liaison Members	Present	Absent	Excused
Dwaine Wallace / Staff Liaison	x		
Leslie Johns / Counsel Liaison	x		

Guest Speaker (Organization)	Topic:
None	
Public Present (comment /speaking)	Topic:
None	

AGENDA ITEMS:

Item 1	Approval of minutes from the last meeting from: October 23, 2019 Trudy- motion to accept minutes Phillip- seconded All in favor- (Yes 100% No-0)
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Item 2	VOTE for new Chair and Vice Chair Tori C- nominated Phillip Martinez for Chair Trudy Lynn- seconded Jesse Smith- nominated self for Vice Chair Phillip Martinez seconded ALL in Favor –(Yes 100% NO= 0) for both Chair and Vice Chair
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Item 3	Recruiting New Members (Ideas) Phillip- Be mindful of open meeting laws, and if soliciting do not have a quorum
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	<p>Trudy- Possible ad in local paper</p> <p>As a group it is decided that word of mouth at local areas (avoiding large events where a quorum could take place) would work best to seek new members</p>
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Item 4	<p>Review Mission of committee</p> <p>Tori- discussion of committee being a fact finding group to bring ideas to the City council to implement if decided so. Explained that prior members had lost sight of this and reinforcement would help with direction and focus of the committee. All members in agreement of this.</p> <p>Phillip- shared such ideas could include reviewing parking in Bisbee for handicapped (location and accessibility for both city and private property) and make recommendations to improve current spaces and seek to add more if possible.</p>
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Item 5	<p>Revisit current project(s) Currently: services for mentally ill and homeless</p> <p>Trudy- interests for group are disabled people and mental health services. Trudy feels that there are not enough services in either areas. Trudy suggests to bring in qualified mental health workers with ads about how fine the area is.</p> <p>Phillip (and Tori) discussed that there would need to be jobs present for this to work as they will not be working for the city and independent contractors may not wish to come.</p>
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Item 6	<p>Suggest changing the focus to handicapped needs</p> <p>Tori- Interested in branching out to review services to disabled people (Deaf, blind, handicapped)</p> <p>Phillip- Parking issues for handicapped both city and private</p> <p>Jesse- During discussion, explained that HOH (hard of hearing) is not correct in speaking of people who cannot hear. She states deaf is the preferred term.</p>
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Item 7	<p>Pocket guide findings</p> <p>Tori- called the majority of the numbers and all were working</p> <p>Phillip- same (called numbers to see if active)</p> <p>Jesse- suggestion that the caption app that she has should be added as it will transcribe speech to text for deaf people (new technology) called "Live transcribe"</p> <p>Phillip- volunteers to print out extra copies of pocket guide, Leslie explained that they are different colors for each city.</p> <p>Leslie- updated regarding printing to soon happen and will be distributed to 1st responders (police, fire, etc).</p> <p>Phillip- interested in placing at large retailers (like Safeway) if there are enough to hand out.</p>
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Item 8	<p>Review if ideas are available to help HOH (deaf) citizens – idea from former Chair</p> <p>Jesse- states that places like the Royale play movies with no captions</p> <p>Jesse- her new app (Live Transcribe) may help at city meeting, or other public events, by the use of a central monitor or cell phones. She states she will look into this technology or other caption systems to suggest to the City counsel</p>
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MEMBERS COMMENTS: (Comment only- no discussion allowed)

Time:	Member:	Comment:
	NONE	

STAFF COMMENTS: (Comment only- no discussion allowed)

Time:	Staff:	Comment:
	NONE	

FUTURE ADENDA ITEMS: (Topics only- NO DISCUSSION)

	Member:	Proposed Agenda Item:
1.	Jesse	Caption system- research different services and costs
2.	Phillip	Parking for handicap in Bisbee
3.	Trudy	Low income housing
4.		

CALL FOR MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Time: 6:26 PM –Motion by Trudy, Seconded by Tori (All in favor -100% / No- 0)