

# **Frederick County Commission on Disabilities (COD) Minutes**

**Monday January 10, 2022**

## **Virtual Meeting**

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chair Karen Duffy, who recognized the existence of a quorum and called for approval of the meeting agenda. This was done by unanimous vote with a motion by Theresa Posthuma and a second by Dave Drezner.

### **Attendance**

The following members were present: Karen Duffy, David Drezner, Mark Swift, Jackie Kanekuni, Theresa Posthuma, Darrell Batson and Lisa Clark. County staff members Miles Ward and Pat Fleet, County Council member Steve McKay and sign language interpreter Patty Plumber were also present. Guests attending were Shawn Dennison and Janice Jackson.

- II. The guest speaker was Janice Jackson from Women Embracing Abilities Now (W.E.A.N.) the organizations mission is to " wean" women with

disabilities from having their limitations be their focal point, thus having them living with their abilities. They also seek to empower and promote independence to women with disabilities and to help them be more productive by creating mentorships and hosting workshops and conferences that teach coping skills such as empowerment, self-worth, self-advocacy and community involvement.

### III. Business

- a) A motion was made by Lisa Clark with a second by Mark Swift which led to a unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the November COD meeting.
- b) It was determined that there was not enough interest from the community to pursue emergency traffic signal devices in Frederick.
- c) The COD will be one of the sponsors for the MLK Day of Service on January 17<sup>th</sup>.
- d) Other Business

Steve McKay reported that he is hopeful that the County Legislation to expand tax credits for Veterans will be passed.

Mark Swift talked about a pilot program in Carroll County called MAGIC they are working to create a public-private partnership to develop a fiber infrastructure to enable autonomous and smart city technologies.

IV. Members that chose to do so gave closing remarks.

V. The meeting was adjourned.