

Frederick County Commission on Disabilities (COD)
Monday, November 14, 2022
Meeting Minutes

- I. The meeting was held in person at Winchester Hall. It was called to order by Chair Dave Drezner, who recognized the existence of a quorum. The following members were in attendance: COD Members: Mark Swift, Darrell Batson, Dave Drezner, Karen Duffy, Jackie Kanekuni. County Staff: Leslie Barnes-Keating. Darrell Batson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, Karen Duffy seconded and the motion passed.
- II. Guest Speakers – Calli Guercio, CARSS II, Recreation Supervisor and Nicole Cantwell, Recreations Specialist with the Frederick County Division of Parks and Recreation.

FC Parks has adaptive and inclusive recreation services available. Goal: *The goal of Adaptive & Inclusive Recreation (AIR) is to enhance participants' health and well-being, sense of self and community, and overall quality of life by facilitating the development of leisure and recreation skills, fostering independence, and promoting socialization.* Current offerings for individuals with special needs include adaptive soccer, lacrosse, bocce ball, sitting volleyball and gymnastics. Cost for services is nominal - ranging from no cost to \$30 with financial aid opportunities available. For more information: <https://www.recreator.com/620/Adaptive-Inclusive-Recreation> and to sign up for notifications for AIR specific activities: <https://www.recreator.com/FormCenter/Therapeutic-Recreation-Forms-15/Stay-Connected-TR-105>.

- III. COD County Liaison Updates – The Human Relations Department Director position is currently vacant. Until staffing is decided Leslie Barnes-Keating, Deputy Director for the Citizens Services Division will act as the liaison to the COD.
- IV. Approval of the October 10th Minutes - The minutes were approved unanimously with a motion from Darrell Batson and seconded by Karen Duffy
- V. COD'S Impact in the Community – Commission members discussed how to be a more present resource to the community. Members discussed creating resources for families, production of a resource guide, adding resources to the existing website, etc. Members will assess current resources, identify gaps and decide how best to consolidate information.
- VI. Action Item – MLK Day of Service Sponsorship – Commission members did not have enough information to make a motion on this item.
- VII. Public Comment
- VIII. Announcements, Upcoming Events, Member Comments
 - a. The Freedom Center has relocated to 1890 North Market Street on the 2nd floor. There will be an open house on Friday, January 20th. Commission members are invited to attend.