

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.recreater.com/620/Adaptive-Inclusive-Recreation> and to sign up for notifications for AIR specific activities: <https://www.recreater.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.