

Frederick County Commission on Disabilities (COD)
Monday, April 10, 2023
In Person – Winchester Hall, 12 E. Church Street, Frederick, MD

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dave Drezner at 6:01pm. A quorum was recognized. Commission Members in attendance: Dave, Lisa, Evan, Karen, Jackie, Jason. County Personnel: Kathy Shey, Director, Division of Aging and Independence, Renee Knapp, County Council Liaison. Karen made a motion to approve the April 10 Meeting Agenda as presented. Lisa seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.
2. Guest Speaker: The guest speaker for this evening had to cancel. We will reschedule for June.
3. Approval of Minutes: Lisa moved to approve the meeting minutes from March 13, 2023 as presented. Evan seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.
4. Nominating Committee: The Nominating committee met. There were no nominations beyond the current slate of officers. Each current officer had placed their name in nomination to serve an additional term. The proposed slate of officers was presented: Chair-Dave Drezner, Vice Chair- Lisa Clark, Treasurer- Evan Evans and Recording Secretary- Mark Swift. Slate was put forward and the commission will vote in May on the slate of officer's that was presented.
5. Planning Meeting/Retreat: Agenda for the retreat was discussed.
 - Review bylaws
 - Looking at what was the intent of the bylaws and the last time it was determine what and how we can do as a commission
 - serve as an advocate for citizens in the community related to ADA
 - Send copy of by laws by email for commissioners to have prior to retreat/meeting
 - Update printed materials and webpage.
 - Have copy of the existing web page sent to commissioners to look over in advance.
 - Tentative date for the retreat will be June 3rd, 9 to 11 AM at Senior Services Center 1414 Taney Avenue
6. Public Comment: No comments
7. Announcements and Member Comments: Dave told the commission about a citizen who experienced accessibility parking issue. The location in which the individual went to for an event did not have accessible parking. Dave went and spoke to the business owners who spoke to the landlord. Dave shared with them the applicable parking code, and they said they would have an accessible parking space marked as required by law.

Jackie brought up that at a nursing home in the county deaf citizens are not being given interpreters and they're not being provided with video phones so that they can communicate outside of the facility. This has been brought up before. Dave suggested

that we should go back to looking into it and that there is a fund that the nursing home facilities can't tap into to pay for certain communication devices.

Discussion on possibly having an ombudsman attend one of our meetings to explain what they can do to be of assistance.

Councilperson Renee Knapp talked about the expanded transit services and riding on the new lines. Service has been expanded in Thurmont and Emmitsburg as well as Brunswick and Jefferson. In the Historic District downtown, you can hail a bus even if you are not at an official stop. Riding Transit will remain fare free through 2024.

8. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58pm.