



FREDERICK COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

Meeting Minutes September 11 2023



1. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm on September 11, 2023. A quorum was established, and the agenda was approved as presented.
2. Minutes from the July 10, 2023, meeting were not available and will be reviewed at the October meeting. There was no meeting held in August.
3. Public Comment – A citizen of Frederick, MD discussed an issue with the curb cuts and accessibility of the public sidewalk at Orchard Way and Hillcrest Drive.
4. In response to a request from the County Executive for potential legislation for the upcoming session the commission discussed and agreed on the following recommendations:
 - a. Increase the availability of low-income housing, setting a minimum number of low-income units that must be included in new construction of multi-family dwellings.
 - b. Require builders to incorporate Universal Design in new residential construction.
 - c. Increase accessible public transportation, both fixed route and Transit Plus. Continue fare free public transportation.
 - d. Ensure nursing facilities have adequate communication services for their deaf and hard of hearing residents.
5. The Community Presenters subcommittee met over the summer and completed work on the information gathering questions that each presenter would be asked to address. The committee will put the questions into a template that will be sent to anyone scheduled to give a presentation on their organization or services at upcoming commission meetings.
6. Social Media Discussion – Committee members discussed the Facebook account and the process for posting information on social media. A commission member was selected to manage the page in conjunction with the county's communications staff.
7. Members who wished to provided brief comments and announcements.
8. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm.