

Provincetown Disability Commission
Minutes of the Meeting
April 23, 2008
Town Hall: Judge Welsh Room

Members Present: Michelle DeMarco, Doug Johnstone, Jo-Ann DiOrio, Jamia Kelly, Rik Kapler (Wave).

Members Absent: Lou Ann Bowen, Michael Fernandes,

Guests: Patricia Benatti and Dominic Rosati (Town Parking Dept); Fred Gentner (Wellfleet Disability Commission)

Old Business

Cape Organization for Rights of Disabled (CORD) offers outreach to individuals with disabilities and presentations that focus on needs of the Disabled Population such as services, programs, rights, and housing. CORD has agreed to provide a presentation on May 20th at 11am at Town Hall. DC with invited Outer Cape Organizations and Municipal Dept. Representatives with written invitations, and Radio/newspaper announcements for the General Public.

- A Letter to Restaurant Owners regarding awareness and sensitivity with issues that are of concern to the Disabled was reviewed by DC members at this meeting, but will need to reach consensus before final approval.

- DVD Project to create Public Service Announcements will continue with Jamia and Lou-Ann. Doug currently has the DVD available at his office.

Van Ride to look for possible safety issues for the Disabled out on our roads and public space need to be scheduled.

New Business

- Patricia and Dominic would like to propose a change to the Board of Selectmen with the current “free parking” for visiting Disabled Persons in the Grace Hall and Municipal Parking Lots; They look for a full discussion of the issues and concerns with the DC with the hope of receiving a letter of support for the final proposal. Drafted Proposal #1 would offer the first three (3) hours of parking free to individuals with HP placard status; and charging the regular rate, thereafter for the remaining parking stay. Drafted Proposal #2 would offer individuals with HP placard status a rate ½ (50 %) the regular rate for the entire parking stay.

Michelle motions for DC to provide a letter of support for these proposals.

Jamia seconds the motion

Vote: 5:0 in favor.

DC will complete research on the proper allocation of revenue collected from Disability Parking Violation Fees. It is believed that the funds are to be funneled to the Towns DC for use. DC would like to have money avail to purchase items that would improve the standard of accessibility and visibility for Persons with Disability in the community, like a portable ramp, beach wheelchair, rail campaign.

Next Mtg: May 14, 2008 @ 11am.

Mtg Adjourned 12 noon.