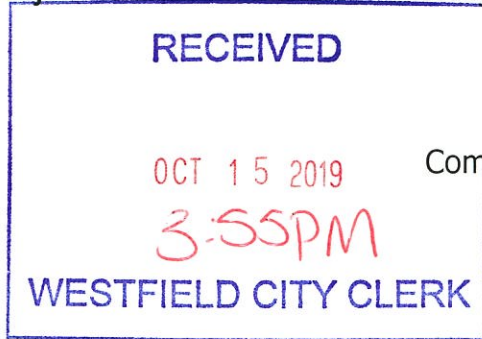


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Commission for Citizens with Disabilities
July 16, 2019
Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Commission for Citizens with Disabilities of Tuesday, July 16, 2019, was held in City Hall, Room 201, Westfield, MA. Vice-Chair Demetrios Kanavaros, called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Commission Members in Attendance: J.Tirrell, D.Kanavaros, N.Smith, J.Gosselin

Public Participation: Orlando Otero, 125 Main Street, Westfield, MA 01085; Mr.Otero has been working on the (Section 8 to Home Ownership Program) for several years with the Greenfield, MA Housing Authority, and this program is a special rent to own home program through the Greenfield and Springfield Housing Authority. Mr. Otero would like to own a home in Westfield. He has been working with Mr.Rogers in Springfield and was told that the program has been "suspended" at this time. Mr. Otero has asked State Rep. Velis and State Senator Humason for assistance, however his issue is not yet resolved. Mr. Otero would like help from the Commission for Citizens with Disabilities to try to contact HUD and get some final answers as to this housing program.

Approval of Minutes of the meeting of June 18, 2019; Motion made by Commissioner J.Tirrell, seconded by Commissioner N.Smith; all in favor 4/0;Motion passes.

Scheduled Business:

Fine and Forfeits account update: Vice-Chair Kanavaros gave an update. Our balance is 84,350. Playground All Access Project is at 60,000. The Police Dept./Traffic Crosswalk Project is at 2,500. Our balance would be at 21,850.

Old Business:

Vice-Chair Kanavaros gave (Site Layout Plans) copies for the commission members to review the Cross Street Playground Project. We will have more details on the project at the next meeting.

The Transition Plan Grant- A Memo/Email from July 7, 2019 was read by Vice-Chair Kanavaros from Chair

Lisee, "We are reaching out to neighboring communities for help with writing the grant application and working with Peter Miller and Tammy Tefft." Vice-Chair Kanavaros shared we will have more

details at a future meeting. Commissioner N.Smith shared that the Fire Station is on the plan for improvement to meet ADA codes.

Advertising- Commissioner J.Tirrell shared she brought the new brochures to the Westfield Athenaeum and still waiting on an answer from Noble Sports Rehab. Commissioner J.Gosselin shared he brought the new brochures to Westfield State University and will bring some to BHN/Carson Center. Commissioner N.Smith shared he brought some new brochures to the US Post Office-Westfield,MA. Vice-Chair Kanavaros will bring some new brochures to group homes throughout the city of Westfield this week.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Commission, Vice-Chair D. Kanavaros motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner J. Tirrell; all in favor 4/0. Vice-Chair D. Kanavaros adjourned the meeting at 7:04 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Jeffrey Gosselin, Secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jeffrey Gosselin".