

COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Meeting minutes – March 2024

Date: Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 7 pm.

Location: City Hall, 301 King Street, Chet & Sabra Avery Room 2000

Members present: Jeff Pool, Alex Radt, Megan Prince, Rachel Dixon, Tom Valluzzi, Kristen Creighton, Dianne McNulty, Megan Prince, Alex Sprague, Michael Kamin, Anna Forster (Huayra), Lawrence Lewis, and Tom Valluzzi.

Members excused: Robert Ludke, Robbie Woodson.

Members absent: Justin Beland

City Staff: Namood Khan, (OHR).

Guest speakers:

Public comment: None

Approval of Agenda: Vice Chair Prince made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Kamin, and approved by the Commission body.

Approval of February Minutes: Commissioner Sprague made the motion, seconded by Vice Chair Prince, and approved by the Commission body.

Introduction of new Commissioners: Chair Pool welcomed the newly sworn commissioner: Alex Radt.

Guest Presentation: Morgan Willis, workplace Development Specialist from Professional Contract Services, Inc. made a presentation for the Commissions on the organization's work and objectives.

Chair's report: Chair Pool encouraged members to reserve the date for the award ceremony and requested everyone to spread the word about the awards.

ACPD Awards Committee: Namood handed out the Bertier Scholarship award flyers.

Committee reports:

- **Legislative committee:** Commissioner Sprague gave a brief update on the bills. A list of all the bills was shared with the Commission via email.
- **Housing committee:** Commissioner Creighton had nothing to share.
- **Accessible business committee:** nothing to report.

- **Human Rights Commission:** Vice Chair Prince provided a brief report from the Commission's meeting.
- **ACPD Awards Committee:** Vice-Chair Prince shared that she would pass out the flyers at the Farmer's Market.
- **AHAAC:** Commissioner Sprague shared updates regarding the following:
 - o Alex West Project has ended its final phase, it will be sent to the City Council.
 - o WMATA orange line and buses that go to West End.
 - o The arena plan has been taken down.

Members report:

- Commissioner Sprague shared that a proclamation on Autism Acceptance Month will be coming next month. Emailed President Biden for
- Commissioner Radt: asked for a proclamation on Disability Pride Month and a display of flags in July. Chair Pool would write to the mayor's office. (Action item). Namode will share a sample proclamation with Commissioner Radt. (action item)
- Commissioner Creighton has been advocating for an increase in budget for ACPS.
- Commissioner Forster: shared that she is looking for vacancies for persons with disabilities, there were some vacancies at NVCC at the accommodation office and also as note-takers.
- Commissioner Valluzzi requested that someone from the Fire department be invited to address evacuation plans for persons with disabilities who reside in high rises.

Adjournment: Motion: Commissioner Lewis made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Forster and approved unanimously by the Commission.

The meeting concluded at 9:15 pm.