

COMMISSION ON PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Meeting minutes – February 2024

Date: Wednesday, February 14, 2024, at 7 pm.

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

Members present: Jeff Pool, Rachel Dixon, Tom Valluzzi, Kristen Creighton, Dianne McNulty, Megan Prince, Robbie Woodson, and Tom Valluzzi.

Members excused: Robert Ludke, Lawrence Lewis, Michael Kamin, Alex Sprague, Anna Forster (Huayra).

Members absent:

City Staff: Namood Khan, (OHR).

Guest speakers: Caren Forsten, Chief Executive Officer, Sean Curry, Programs Director Prevention of Blindness Society of Metropolitan Washington®.

Public comment: None

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

Approval of January Minutes: Commissioner Creighton made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Prince, and approved by the Commission body.

Introduction of new Commissioners: Chair Pool welcomed the newly sworn commissioner: Robbie Woodson.

Guest Presentation: Program Director, Sean Curry, gave a presentation on the works of the non-profit organization, Prevention of Blindness Society of Metropolitan Washington and talked about low vision. The presentation slides are shared with the minutes. Chair Pool suggested that the organization partner with the Commission in doing a resolution together on any of the awareness months such as low vision awareness month etc.

Chair's report: Chair Pool had nothing to report.

Formation of ACPD Awards Committee: Namood shared that the ACPD awards applications have been posted on the website, and the deadline to apply is April 30, 2024. Namood explained the duties of the awards committee. She also reminded the Commission to save the date for the awards ceremony on June 26 at 5 pm. There was a request to provide a flyer with the awards information to hand out to the public. (Action Item)

Commissioner Dixon and Commissioner Prince volunteered to serve on the committee.

Committee reports:

- **Legislative committee:** Nothing to report.
- **Housing committee:** Commissioner Creighton shared about a meeting she attended with Commissioner Dixon. This meeting was arranged by the City's Housing Manager to brainstorm how we can more effectively market discounted independent living units at the Alate as well as an accessible affordable unit at the Meridian 2250.
- **Human Rights Commission:** Vice Chair Prince provided a brief report.
- **AHAAC:** Commissioner Creighton expressed that she needed guidance about her role in the committee.

Members Reports: None

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

The meeting concluded at 9:10 pm.