

Sharon Disabilities Commission

Minutes, September 17, 2014

Present: Susan Myerson, Faye Berzon, Geila Aronson, Paul Remy, and Jana Katz. Jim Waters was unable to attend.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm. Minutes from the August 2014 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Susan read Paul's notes and welcomed Lois Diamond.

Lois explained how she grew up in the Bronx, NYC, lived in Albany, and retired here to be close to 2/3 of her children. She lives in the Wilber School. Her previous work history includes teaching at the elementary level with much mainstreaming of students with disabilities. She had two students in her classes who were deaf.

She also served as a companion for a cousin who was living with Cerebral Palsy. Her aunt started the United Cerebral Palsy of New York City. Lois was also involved with fundraising efforts for another cousin who was living with mental retardation.

Lois has Multiple Sclerosis.

Susan mentioned that Sid Rosenthal had Multiple Sclerosis and it spurred a discussion about handicap accessible cars.

Lois spoke about her work researching the ADA and making necessary changes to a synagogue in the Albany area to comply with the needs of a friend who lost a leg in a car accident.

Susan closed this portion of the meeting telling Lois about some of the commission's accomplishments including purchasing AED, and making the Lake wheelchair accessible. Susan made a verbal mental note to send Lois a list of the commission's accomplishments.

Public Input – None

June 18th Minutes Corrections-

1. Suggestion of Lois Diamond & Lois would contact Faye and not Geila
2. Unanimously spelled wrong
3. On page 2, Faye shared an article, not Geila

June 18th minutes approved

Treasure Report- Geila read Cindy Doherty's e-mail that Paul sent to Geila

Balance as of June 30th: \$1,442.57

Donations Account as of September 3rd: \$2,743.57

Sandy mentioned that she might have separated parking money from donation money.

Susan said that we used to have more money.

Lois noted that people are more sensitive.

Susan mentioned that she just gave Jeff her check and Faye's a few weeks ago.

Train Station Update-
Susan read Paul's text

Faye suggested that we contact Ellie to see if there is anything she would like to add. Susan offered to call Ellie.

Paul suggested that we plan on the event to take place in the spring.

Ward's Berry Farm Handicap Signs-
Geila checked twice in 2 weeks. 2 spaces are in the front with posts but no signs and the paint is faded. The second time, the paint was still faded but one sign was up.

There was some discussion about the spots on the other side. Faye noted that there are 3 parking spaces but there had been picnic tables blocking them.

Val said that Paul had e-mailed them too.

T-shirt/Mural Update
Susan read Paul's text and added her own thoughts that she would not suggest doing key chains but would consider mugs.

Town Administration-
Susan read Paul's text.
Geila noted that the Town Administrator also serves as the Town's ADA coordinator so should be willing to join us for a meeting.

Sandy noted that it would be really embarrassing for him to request a meeting at an inaccessible building such as Town Hall. She recommended invited him again to the Community Center.

Conflict of Interest-
Susan read Paul's text

Everyone needs to find out when they last took the Conflict of Interest online training put on by the state's Ethics Commission.

Profiles for the website-

Susan read Paul's text and it is agrees that it would be a nice idea to include profiles on the website.

Susan and Geila volunteer to take over the job of checking the mailbox once a month at the Town Hall.

October 22, the 4th Wednesday of October will be the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8 pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Jana Katz