**D.C.C.P.D Commission Meeting**

**Thursday, August 23, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

**10:00 – 11:15 AM**

**Teleconference**

Teleconference call-in: 866-628-2987. Participant Code: 8488992

**Commissioners in attendance:**

* Dr. Denise Decker
* Gerry Counihan
* Dr. Silvia Martinez
* Hope Fuller
* Terrance Hunter
* Jarvis Grindstaff
* Shakira Hemphill

\*Unable to attend and prior notice given by Kamilah Proctor

**ODR Representative**

* Julia Wolhandler

**Public Members in Attendance:**

* Ron Smith (DDC)
* Nikki Davis (United Neighbors)
* Chris Grayton (Yellow Cab)
* Jennifer McClaughin
* Barbara Cline
* Grace Odrick
* Alison Whyte (DDC)

1. **Call to Order**
   * The Meeting was called to order by Dr. Silvia Martinez at 10:02 am
2. Commissioner roll-call to verify section **6. Quorum**. The attendance of one-third (1/3) of the voting members of the D.C.C.P.D. – Dr. Silvia Martinez
   * Confirmed seven (7) Commissioners in attendance
3. **Approval of July 2018 Meeting Minutes** - Approved Terrance Hunter and second Dr. Decker
4. **Auxiliary Members:** Barbara and Jennifer – review By-laws for what is an Auxiliary Member:
   * “Auxiliary Members shall be entitled to advise and participate with respect to the official activities of their assigned committee, and may attend and participate (but not vote) in regular and special meetings of the DCCPD subject to rules of procedure prescribed by the Chair or the DCCPD. Auxiliary Members shall be subject to all applicable qualifications and rules that apply to the voting members of the DCCPD.”
   * **Barbara:** A Renter on Connecticut Ave. Has a husband with disabilities. Discovered years ago that she lived in a rent controlled building and there is a provision in rent control that allows people with disabilities to apply for a lower rent increase. She is an advocate for rental rights. Currently, an Advocacy Partner and will create a project focused on staying safe at home.
   * **Jennifer:** A Person with Multiple Disabilities and an advocate for the disability community, realized that many people with disabilities did not realize what their rights are and is advocating for that.
5. **Swearing – In Ceremony:** Monday, September 17th, 5 - 6:30 p.m. at Convention Center Room 201A. Re-appointment of Silvia Martinez and Travis Painter. New appointments directly by the Mayor’s Office of Jeremy Mann and Mary Wade. ODR has been following-up with MOTA to determine where Maegan Shanks is in the process of application to the Commission.
6. **DCFHV Accessibility Advisory Committee Updates:** Ride sharing for people who are going to hot spots can reduce fares and share rides. This will be similar to Uber. The ride share would only cost $5 with unlimited transportation. – Terrance Hunter
7. **Developmental Disabilities Council Updates**: DDC meets Quarterly. Third Thursday, every three months. Next meeting is November 15th 3-5 p.m. Commissioners and all public members are invited. The Council is across the country. Membership is 60% of people with developmental disabilities. 40% represent government and community organizations. Provides the DC Advocacy Partners Program. Does the Next Chapter Book Club, inclusive book clubs that meet one hour every week.
8. **Olmstead Conference Update**: Joint event with the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH). Attendance was around 85-90. The Olmstead decision was a Supreme Court Decision. Commissioner Shakira Hemphill spoke on her role as a Commissioner and as a parent of a child with a disability.
9. **Deaf Celebration Day Update:** Name Change from Deaf Awareness Day to Deaf Celebration Day. Possible dates could be the 27th or 29th. Reached out to Gallaudet U. regarding partnership to use venue. Awaiting response.
10. **Mayor’s Expo Update:** Tuesday, October 23rd, job fair at the end (1:30-3). Hope Fuller will be sending out invites to companies who can do interviews. Pre-expo, October 18th, 12-5. Resume Prep. Free Technology use available through the library. 2-5 p.m. will be Workforce on Wheels Bus which has computers and is accessible for people to update their resumes. Mr. Davis from DOES will provide this and work with attendees to get resumes up to date.
11. **World Mental Health Awareness event:** Kamilah and Adrienne Lightfoot (DBH) to create a joint event
12. **Bullying Awareness:** Gerry Counihan will follow-up on PSA on TV. Gerry will follow-up with more information.
13. **Facebook**: In the draft process by Kamilah
14. **Yearly Report**: sent out by Kamilah any updates should be submitted to Kamilah and Julia before the end of the fiscal year
15. **Bio Updates needed:** Gerry, Jarvis, Charlotte, Travis, Dr. Martinez
    * Gerry will re-send
16. **Emergency Preparedness Forum**
    * Volunteer for Wards: Charlotte, Ward 6, Shakira Hemphill Ward 8, Jennifer McLaughin, Ward 8
    * The Planning Committee will get together to update the slides and clean up the powerpoint
17. **C.B.C**: September 13th. Need further details - Kamilah
18. **World Mental Health Awareness** - Kamilah
19. **White Cane Day**: Any volunteers for planning - let Julia know
20. **White Papers:**
    * **Transportation:** Terrance Hunter will work on
    * **ANC Partners**: Gerry wants to send out brochure/bios to all the ANC Commissioners to let them know that DCCPD exists. Possibly for Commissioners to be a guest speaker at an ANC Commission Meeting. ANC2E, September 5th meeting 6:30 to 7:30. There is a one day workshop for all ANC Commissioner; Anita Bonds is in charge of that conference. Dr. Martinez will send info to Gerry and Terrance to speak and attend at the Workshop.
21. **Announcement:** Dr. Decker and her guide dog, Wonder, were barred from entering a restaurant. She spoke with ODR and filed a complaint through the Office of Human Rights (OHR). She asked for an apology and an opportunity for staff training. The owner was not aware of the issue because he was not present at the time but when he found out he apologized and agreed to staff training. Dr. Decker has a short video, PSA, with a guide dog that she will use for training. While it was not in the news it does happen a lot and often, and outreach and training are needed for businesses to know the law. Possible creation of posters to be posted inside businesses on disability rights laws. Jessica Hunt, Attorney Advisory at ODR will conduct in partnership with Commissioner Decker a service dog awareness training
22. **Floor Open for Public Comment:**
    * **Nikki Davis** - Enjoyed Olmstead Conference. Knows Laura. E. White’s father. Is impressed and honored to witness what the Commission is doing. Native Washingtonian but moved and came back in older adult years. Has disabilities and has found it difficult to come to DC at an older age and having disabilities. Purchased a condo in Brookland in NE. through MANNA. Has been helping to create homeownership for people with low income. Helped organizing in her community and created United Neighbors, formed through community members. Is now the Chair of the Senior and Disabled Committee. Dealing with gentrification in Ward 5. People with disabilities, older adults, and people with low income are primarily affected. Certain benefits that were originally put in place are now being removed and illness and deaths have occurred because of lack of access to healthcare and services and due to isolation. There is no Senior Center, No library, No food services. DC office of Aging needs to be involved with this conversation. Possibility of bringing a reporter in to document all of this. Julia will create meeting between Director of Age Friendly DC, DC Office of Aging, Nikki, Barbara, Kamilah, and Dr. Decker.
    * **Ron Smith (DDC)** – Hi to Alison and thankful for Alison’s work and leadership and helping others contribute to DDC. International Overdose Awareness Day Vigil, August 31st – Marvin Gaye Park. DC Office of Chief Medical Examiner wants community members to be informed about opioid use. The event is to remember and celebrate the lives of those that are no longer with us. Will send flyer to Alison who will send to Julia who will send it out to everyone.
    * **Grace Odrick** – Will be a volunteer at the Suicide Awareness Walk on October 20th and will disseminate information to Julia who will send out to everyone. She performed her poetry and music at the Olmstead Conference. She is also an Ambassador for this year’s Disability and Diversity Expo.

**11:00 a.m. Meeting Adjourned**