DCCPD Commission Meeting

Thursday, January 24th, 2019 Meeting Minutes

10:00 to 11:15 AM

Teleconference

**Commissioners in attendance:**

* Kamilah Martin-Proctor, Chair
* Edward James
* Travis Painter
* Dr. Silvia Martinez
* Dr. Denise Decker
* Jarvis Grindstaff
* Mary Wade
* Jeremy Mann
* Terrance Hunter
* Shakira Hemphill
* Hope Fuller

**ODR Representative:**

* Julia Wolhandler

**Public Members in Attendance:**

* Ron Smith (DDC)
* Barbara Cline (Auxiliary Member)
* Adrienne Rodriguez (OSSE)
* Darlene Gripper (WYWCA)
* Anjie Shelby (Auxilliary)
* Nicole Preston (Special Olympics, DC)

**Call to Order:**

* The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Proctor at 10:01 AM

**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.
  + Quorum: eleven (11) Commissioners in attendance

**Approval of November 2018 and December 2018 Meeting Minutes (Formal Vote):**

* November 2018 and December 2018 approved
* Terrance Hunter and second by Kamilah Martin-Proctor

# Updates:

* **Housekeeping:** any statements that Commissioners would like to create on behalf of the Commissionplease send ideas to Kamilah with at least 30 days in advance to be able to share for review by other Commissioners and ODR staff
* **Open movie Captioning Requirement Act:** Went well. Good public input by Deaf and Hard of Hearing population. NATO, National Association of Theatres Owners Opposed the Act but the Council members had a strong belief that it is important to have access to movie theatres. NATO is saying that OC causes issues to the general public by showing captions on the screen. But this is invalid as statistics and data prove this is untrue including Rhode Island and Hawaii where they have laws in place to show open caption. The OC benefits many people with disabilities including foreigners who may speak English as a second language. The Bill has been reintroduced. The Council asked NATO to work with the Deaf community on this. The glasses that use captioning are not successful and do not work. There has not been any determination or any further hearings on this Act as of yet.
* **DCFHV Accessibility Advisory Committee:** Unable to attend the January 2nd meeting but will provide updates at next Commissioner Meeting
* **DD Council:** No updates at this moment.
* **Anti-Bullying Campaign:** Ron Smith has been gathering material to create a campaign. OHR has a great program of anti-bullying awareness. Ron wants to try and advance the OHR program on this campaign. Does not want to reinvent the wheel. Can work with OHR on including people with disabilities in a campaign. Julia will set-up meeting.
* **Welcome to Marwen:** Kamilah will follow-up with Gerry on hosting a viewing of this film. Including a panel discussion.
* **Article featured in Capitol Hill Village News:** Toast Masters of Gerry Counihan
* **Facebook Page:** Needs a connection with e-mail address. Should the Commission set-up Google e-mail address or an official Commission e-mail address through Government? Could it be used through Office 365 Recommended to use official Government e-mail? Create a Google account for now to be used until we hear from Mayor’s Office and OCTO on an official Government e-mail address. Kamilah will create a Google e-mail and password that will be shared with ODR. Content will be events and awareness statements by the Commission and what Commissioners are doing as well in their personal lives.
* **Accessible Bi-cycle Survey:** DDOT survey to find what types of adaptive bikes disability community would wantin a bike share program.
* **Seeking Auxiliary Members:** PSA seeking Auxiliary Members. Commission will review PSA prior to sending out.
* **The Upside Film:** Issues that the actor Bryan Cranston is an able-bodied actor who is playing a character with a disability.

# Statements:

* Submit statements with enough time for Commissioners to review and approve.
* Glaucoma Awareness needs to be reviewed by Commission and then by ODR prior to being sent out.

# Standing Committees:

* **Policy and Planning:** Jarvis Grindstaff and Travis Painter
* **Events and Outreach:** Edward James, Shakira Hemphil, Hope Fuller, Denise Decker, Barbara Cline, Anjie Shelby, and Jennifer McLaughlin
* **Evaluation and Monitoring Committee:** Dr. Silvia Martinez
* **Julia will send out the Committee details to each Committee group**

# Co-Vice Chairs:

Dr. Silvia Martinez and Travis Painter have stated interest. Co-Vice Chairs will need to be voted on by Commissioners for another year term.

# Auxiliary Members:

Will send out handbook

# Teleconference numbers:

1-800 number to be used only by DCCPD so that each Committee can use it for their separate Meetings. Free-conference. Zoom could be a possibility. Or Uber Conferencing.

# Public Comments:

* Ron (DDC) attended Hearing Loss Association DC’s Holiday Reception at Bus Boys and Poets. It was very helpful with resources and information and to meet other people without having to go to a medical facility.
* Ron (DDC) has attended OSSE’s working group to prepare young children with disabilities in transitioning from school to the workforce. Ron has been working to inform parents about the great resources in DC available to them.
* Adrienne Rodriguez (OSSE) thanks to the Kudos from Ron with regards to our early intervention. State Advisory Panel on Special Education Quarterly Meeting will be on February 7th at 6:00 PM at 1050 First Street NE will review annual performance report and state performance plan. This is a public meeting. [Adrienne.rodriguez@dc.gov](mailto:Adrienne.rodriguez@dc.gov) for any reasonable accommodations for this meeting.
* Nicole Preston (Special Olympics, DC): The Polar Plunge February 2nd at Yards Park. $100 fundraising minimum to jump into pools. Funding goes towards athletic programs within Special Olympics, DC. There is an option called “Too Chicken to Plunge” which raises funds and allows an athlete to plunge instead of the fundraiser. This year’s event will be held within the Ice Yards event that features ice sculptures and fire pits. [www.DCPolarPlunge.org](http://www.DCPolarPlunge.org).

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