

Commission for the Disabled Meeting  
Meeting Minutes June 11, 2018

Call to order 5:06

Commissioners Present: Don Ciota, Christina Calabro, Christine Santori, Sharol Signorelli, Tony Phillips.

Visitors: Kathy Graham, Ana Julian (IHCD-phone), David West (IHCD-phone), Rudy Marconi (visitor, 6:04)

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May Meeting minutes reviewed and approved.

Chris gave an update on the Charter Commission approval for the name change to "Commission for Accessibility". Provided their commissions feedback to CfD.

Ana Julian/David West called into the meeting at 5:17. Apologized for cancelling their site visit for this week. Next visit targeted will be July 10-13<sup>th</sup>. Tony reminded IHCD of the budget cycle and asked if this cancellation would delay the process. Discussed police building report and the Commission requested that alternatives be added. For example, if an accessible bathroom is added to the 1<sup>st</sup> floor this would satisfy bathroom ADA compliance for this building.

IHCD will target visiting the school buildings when they are back in session (after August 30<sup>th</sup>).

Christine S. inquired about moving cycle equipment at rec center for an accommodation for a rider. She will send a letter to Director of P&R and report back to CfD.

Chair Cioti invited Rudy to join the meeting at 6:04. Group reviewed the Commission's recommendation to BOS on ADA improvement for this fiscal year.

Sharol Signorelli inquired about restaurants setting up outside seating potentially hindering access. Discussed drafting a letter to Main Street landlords about potential sidewalk encroachment. Restaurants may be encroaching – need to maintain 36 inches wide. Private sidewalks need to provide safe access. A letter will be drafted to downtown Ridgefield's landlords on this topic.

Special Meeting(s) may be added over the summer months for the ADA self-evaluation discussions.

Adjourn 6:30