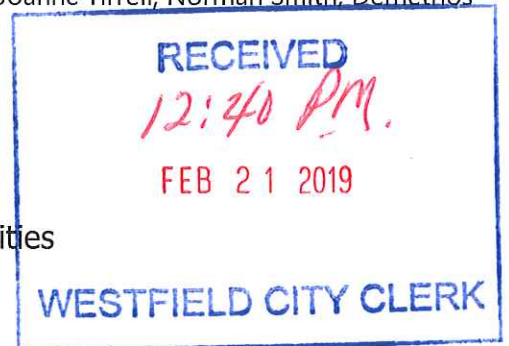


Carissa Lisee

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Commission for Citizens with Disabilities
January 15, 2019
Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Commission for Citizens with Disabilities of Tuesday, January 15, 2019, was held in City Hall, Room 201, Westfield, MA. Acting Chair Lisee called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Commission Members in Attendance: C.Lisee, J.Tirrell, N.Smith, M.Nicoletti, J.Gosselin, D. Kanavaros

Public Participation: (In attendance) City Councilor C.Harris

Approval of Minutes of meeting of December 18, 2018; Motion made by Acting Chair C.Lisee, seconded by Commissioner N.Smith; 1 Abstain (Commissioner J.Tirrell); all in favor 5/0; Motion passes.

Approval of Minutes of meeting of November 20, 2018; Motion made by Commissioner M.Nicoletti, seconded by Commissioner N.Smith; 1 Abstain (Commissioner D.Kanavaros); all in favor 5/0; Motion passes.

Scheduled Business:

Acting Chair Lisee makes a motion to open up the "Election of Officers-2019", seconded by Commissioner J.Gosselin; all in favor 6/0; Motion passes.

Election of Officers for 2019

CHAIR:

Candidate- Acting Chair C.Lisee:

J.Tirrell	C.Lisee
N.Smith	C.Lisee
M.Nicoletti	Abstain
J.Gosselin	C.Lisee
D. Kanavaros	C.Lisee

Candidate- Commissioner D.Kanavaros:
C.Lisee D.Kanavaros

Acting Chair C.Lisee (4) votes; Commissioner D. Kanavaros (1) vote.

* Acting Chair Carissa Lisee elected CHAIR for 2019.

VICE-CHAIR:

Candidate- Commissioner D.Kanavaros
Candidate-Commissioner N.Smith

Commissioner N.Smith motions to withdraw "himself", seconded by Commissioner J.Gosselin; all in favor 6/0; Motion passes.

Commissioner N.Smith motions to nominate Commissioner D.Kanavaros as Vice-Chair, seconded by Commissioner J.Gosselin; all in favor 6/0; Motion passes.

Commissioner N.Smith motions to elect Commissioner D.Kanavaros as Vice-Chair, seconded by J.Gosselin; all in favor 6/0; Motion passes.

*Commissioner Demetrios Kanavaros elected VICE-CHAIR for 2019.

SECRETARY:

Candidate-Commissioner J.Gosselin

Commissioner M.Nicoletti motions to elect Commissioner J.Gosselin as Secretary, seconded by Acting Chair Lisee; all in favor 6/0; Motion passes.

*Commissioner Jeffrey Gosselin elected SECRETARY for 2019.

2019 Election of Officers Results:
CHAIR, Carissa Lisee
VICE-CHAIR, Demetrios Kanavaros
SECRETARY, Jeffrey Gosselin

Acting Chair Lisee shares a copy of a "Letter of Support" for the Westfield Museum to install a temporary ADA accessible ramp of no more than one year. If approved, we will send this letter to the Westfield Museum, Inc. Commissioner J.Gosselin states that we need to continue support of the project and the letter is well written. Commissioner J.Tirrell motions to accept the "Letter of Support", seconded by Commissioner M.Nicoletti; all in favor 6/0; Motion passes.

350th Parade Application; Review Participant application and complete information as a group. Commissioner J.Gosselin would like to invite Rick Hoyt to march as our "Local Hero", Commissioner M.Nicoletti would like to invite State Rep. Velis to march as our "Local Hero."

Parade Application and additional information will continue to be discussed at the next meeting.

Commissioner N.Smith reached out to the Special Olympics group and they are interested in marching, but would like to request some more detailed information as to parade route, area and city map, etc.

Commissioner J.Gosselin reached out to the Best Buddies Club at Westfield High School and they are also interested in marching and look forward to the event. More details and information to follow. Commissioner M.Nicoletti suggested to see if Sherry Elander's program students are interested in marching. Commissioner N.Smith will make a contact. Commissioner D.Kanavaros would like us to think about inviting community members. Commissioner J.Tirrell asked if any citizen can make a donation to the Westfield 350 non-profit group. Acting Chair Lisee said any individual can contact the Westfield 350 and make a donation if they wish. The contact person is Harry Rock, Chair Westfield 350.

Fine and Forfeits account update: Acting Chair Lisee gave an update. Our balance is 77,700. Playground All Access project is at 60,000. The Police Department/Traffic Crosswalk project is at 2,500. Our balance would be at 15,200.

Old Business:

Advertising Items; we will continue to look into pricing options and cost.

All Able Playground; Update-January 14, 2018 Letter of (Denial) for the project; Mr.Miller will re-apply next year and hope to finalize building and construction details.

Commissioner J.Tirrell makes a request for future meeting with Mr.Miller to address the commission on the Transition Plan Grant and the All Abled Playground. Acting Chair Lisee informed the commission that we will plan on an Information Meeting and Updates at a date and time in the future.

Commissioner D.Kanavaros shared that his priority for the next year is the "All Abled Playground" and getting this project moving, as we have a great need in the community for our citizens with disabilities.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Commission, Acting Chair Lisee motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner J.Tirrell; all in favor 6/0. Acting Chair Lisee adjourned the meeting at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Jeffrey Gosselin, Secretary

