

FAUQUIER COUNTY
DISABILITY SERVICES BOARD
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

16 July 2008, 10:00 AM

Extension Building, 24 Pelham Street, Warrenton, VA 20186

1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wayne Harne at 10:10 AM.

Present:

Wayne Harne, Consumer
Joyce Pearson, Town of The Plains
Dwain Cox, Consumer
Richard W. Robison, Business
Tom Harris, Parks & Rec Board
Linda Reid, Consumer
Sharon Lee, Town of Remington
Cynthia Hair, Staff

Absent:

Judy Risdon, Co. Adm. Office
Sharon Miller, DRS
Jane Burnette, IEC
Carina Elgin, Consumer (family illness)
Dennie Sutherland, Business
Dr. Mary Lopez, IEC

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Mr. Harne asked for changes or additions to the agenda. There being none, the agenda was adopted as presented upon motion by Mrs. Pearson that was seconded by Mr. Cox. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Adoption of the June 11, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Harris moved that the minutes of June 11, 2008, be approved. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Pearson and passed unanimously.

4. Citizens' Time and DRS Update

No citizens or Mrs. Miller were present today.

5. Subcommittee Reports

Accessibility Investigation Committee – Mr. Harne said that the AIC had visited the Hampton Inn to inspect for a possible Disability Friendly award. Mr. Cox, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Robison and Mr. Harne conducted this inspection. They found a few items to be corrected, mostly minor in nature. Mrs. Hair was asked to draft a letter to Mr. Merritt at the Hampton Inn that enumerated the suggested changes.

Mr. Harne said that he had noticed 2 articles in the local newspaper about accessibility issues at some post offices in Fauquier County and a report on the VPOA investigations at the public schools. There was also some discussion about accessibility issues and parking problems that continue to occur at the Fauquier County Fair (which was held 10-13 July).

Mr. Robison will now serve as chairman of the AIC.

Disability Friendly Awards Committee – Mrs. Reid said that the Hampton Inn nomination is the only one before her committee at this time. She said the presentation to Hartman's Jewelers went very well, even though it was presented at the Fauquier Springs Club, which continues to fail to correct its accessibility issues. It was agreed not to give any more awards at the Springs Club until it complies with ADA.

Public Awareness Committee – Mrs. Pearson said that she had been in touch with Miss Wheelchair VA to appear in the parade in October for "A Day in The Plains". She will talk to Martha Twomey of Mary's Family about possibly sponsoring her costs of travel and appearance. Mr. Harne read the Proclamation that was presented at the July Board of Supervisors meeting. He said Mr. Trumbo read the Proclamation and that Mr. Reese and Marshall Williams-Harne also attended the meeting.

DSB Member Appointments – Mr. Stribling has appointed Sharon Lee to represent the Town of Remington. There are currently no vacant appointments on the DSB.

6. Old Business

Mr. Harne said he had listened to part of the Disaster Preparedness training conference call. He said it wasn't exactly what he thought it would be, but it was informative.

He read a letter from Mr. Bailey responding to our letter to the Parks and Recreation Board. Mr. Bailey said the DSB's letter had been forwarded to Mr. Boyer, the County's accessibility officer. Mrs. Hair described the upcoming (September 19) ADA update conference that is held in Baltimore. Mr. Robison said he would attend this year for the DSB.

Mr. Robison discussed the HC parking issues in the Town of Warrenton, and Main Street in particular. The parking is very inadequate and the one space on Main Street is frequently used illegally.

Mr. Harne said that plans are underway at the Mosby Museum and that good efforts are being made to make the building and grounds highly accessible. The contact person for the museum is Ed Tolson.

Mrs. Hair read a letter from Karen Henderson from the Chamber of Commerce. While the DSB is no longer a member of the COC, Mrs. Henderson assured DSB members that she will continue to work with the DSB.

7. New Business

Mrs. Hair said there had been no news on the budget at this date. She reported that she had been selected to serve on the steering committee that would be investigating whether or not a Statewide Association of DSBs would be created. The initial meeting is Monday, August 11, 2008, in Charlottesville.

Mrs. Hair has been in touch with Patrick Mauney of the Culpeper/Rappahannock-Rapidan DSBs and he has proposed another joint meeting on September 24, 2008 in Culpeper. The location of this meeting will be determined at a later date.

8. Next Regular Meeting

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 10, 2008, at 10:00 AM at the Extension Office.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM upon motion by Mrs. Pearson that was seconded by Mr. Robison.