

FAUQUIER COUNTY
DISABILITY SERVICES BOARD
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
10 September 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 10:05 AM.

Present:

Wayne Harne, Consumer
Joyce Pearson, Town of The Plains
Dwain Cox, Consumer
Linda Reid, Consumer
Sharon Lee, Town of Remington
Carina Elgin, Consumer
Dennie Sutherland, Town of Warrenton
Danielle Suggs, Destiny Center for Children
Tom Boyer, Fauquier County General Services
Greg Livesay, Fauquier County Schools
Cathy Zielinski, Rappahannock/Rapidan Regional Commission
Judy Risdon, Co. Adm. Office
Cynthia Hair, Staff

Absent:

Richard W. Robison, Business
Tom Harris, Parks & Rec Board
Sharon Miller, DRS
Jane Burnette, IEC
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. Reid that was seconded by Mrs. Elgin. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Adoption of the July 16, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Harne asked for changes or additions to the minutes of the July 16, 2008, meeting. There being none, Mr. Cox moved that the minutes of July 16, 2008, be approved. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Reid and passed unanimously.

4. Citizens' Time and DRS Update

Danielle Suggs, Founder and President of The Destiny Center for Children, gave a brief presentation of her business plan and a description of the services this center will provide. The Destiny Center for Children will be a nonprofit private school for special needs children and will offer before and after school care. Mrs. Suggs gave each member a copy of her business plan to review further.

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Cathy Zielinski of the Rappahannock/Rapidan Regional Commission gave an overview of the Consolidated Human Services Mobility Plan for this region. She is in the process of conducting public workshops for caregivers and advocates of people with disabilities and would like to hold one in Fauquier County. This workshop may provide valuable information for the Needs Assessment Report due next year. She will work together with Mrs. Hair and with Ms. Burnette of IEC on setting a date and an agenda sometime in October.

5. Subcommittee Reports

Accessibility Investigation Committee – Mr. Harne said that the AIC had started their inspections at some of the Parks & Rec facilities. They have completed their investigations in the Marshall area and they are setting dates to visit the other facilities soon. Mr. Harne said he would like a follow-up with Mrs. Felts about her complaint about non-compliant post offices.

Mr. Harne asked Mrs. Hair to call the ADA & IT Center and find out about details on conducting a training for county employees. Mr. Cox moved that a Proclamation be prepared recognizing Tom Reese, former chairman of the DSB, for his many contributions to the county. Mrs. Reid seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mrs. Hair will draft the Proclamation.

Disability Friendly Awards Committee – Mrs. Reid said that the Hampton Inn has not responded to the letter from the AIC on recommended improvements. There are no other nominations before the committee at this time.

Public Awareness Committee – Mrs. Elgin commented on the recent articles in the newspapers on the high school and other non-compliant facilities. She will work with Mrs. Hair to prepare the information for the October 9th work session with the Board of Supervisors. Mrs. Pearson said that Miss Wheelchair Virginia will be participating in the parade for A Day In The Plains on October 4th.

6. Old Business

Mr. Boyer said that he has been studying the letter to Mr. Bailey about issues at the Marshall Community Center. He said DRH Design Services does the ADA inspections for the county.

Mr. Harne asked about the progress of the Accessibility Study and the suggested renovations.

Mr. Boyer said he is working on it and will provide a report to Mr. McCulla and the DSB in the near future. Mr. Livesay said he is meeting with Mr. Martinez of VOPA and performing a self-assessment of Fauquier High School. Currently they are compiling the results of that assessment.

Mr. Harne reported on renovations to the Mosby Museum. He met with Ed Tolson who has draft plans completed. Mr. Tolson requested that the AIC investigate to make sure they do what is necessary to be compliant.

7. New Business

Mrs. Hair reported that she had attended the first meeting of the steering committee of the Statewide Disability Services Board Association. The DSB members reviewed the survey that the steering committee has developed that will be the basis for the 2009 action plan. The DSB completed the survey and Mrs. Hair will relay the information to the Association and will report after the next meeting.

8. Next Regular Meeting

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 8, 2008, at 10:00 AM at the Extension Office.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:37 AM.