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**City of Salisbury**

**DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**June 10, 2021**

**Committee Members Present**

Timothy Meagher, Chairperson

Gregory Tyler, Citizen

Michael Dyer, United Needs & Abilities

Dr. Katherine Jones, Bay Area Center for Independent Living

**Absent Members**

Stephen Bullock, PT Job Coach

Amy Crouse, Blind Industries

Dominique Sessa, Citizen (New Member)

Adith Thummalapalli, Citizen (New Member)

Michelle Gregory, City Council Rep

Jeremy Wolfer, Wicomico County Board of Education

**In Attendance**

Julie English, Mayor’s Office Administrative Assistant

Cody Drinkwater, Member of the Public

**Call to Order**

The Disability Advisory Committee (DAC) Meeting was called to order at 3:04pm by Mr. Meagher.

**Introductions and Welcome**

The meeting began with brief introductions of all in attendance.

**Last Meeting Minutes Review**

The meeting minutes from the March 11, 2021 had one correction to be made by Ms. English. Pending the correction, minutes were approved by Mr. Dyer and seconded by Mr. Tyler. All were in favor.

**Downtown Video Update**

Dr. Jones shared about her tour of Downtown Salisbury and the Amphitheater with regard to its accessibility for the disabled community.

After discussion with Mrs. Glanz prior to the meeting, Ms. English shared that the preference for the downtown video is to focus on the changes made through the Main Street Masterplan. She will reconnect with Chris Demone, Public Information Officer, when he returns to the office to confirm his assistance with the video.

Mr. Meagher would like to obtain information from the Project Manager of the masterplan. This will help identify what improvements were made and how.

**Downtown Visitor’s Center Accessibility**

Ms. English informed the committee that the Executive Office is currently in discussions on how to make the Visitor’s Center more accessible to the all. The members would like to know: (1) who the tenant is, and (2) if someone could join the September meeting to update the committee on the details.

**Concerns**

Dr. Jones shared the need for a County Commission for the disabled. She would like the City Council to communicate with the County Council to make this happen. Ms. English will connect with Michelle Gregory about making this happen.

**Agency Updates**

Mr. Dyer shared that UNA is working to balance safety/caution with getting outdoors.

Dr. Jones announced that Bay Area CIL is under contract for a new building in Winterplace Park. It will include a community space, youth services, and vocational projects.

**Vulnerable Populations Update**

The One-Stop events are continuing with vaccination opportunities and food giveaways.

**Announcements**

Choptank was acknowledged by one of the members for funds they give to the disabled community with regard to broadband.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting was set for Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 3:00pm. The meeting will be hybrid.

**Adjournment**

The DAC meeting was adjourned at 4:23pm.

**Minutes Recorded By:** Julie English, City Clerk’s Office