



City of Salisbury
DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
August 11, 2022

Committee Members Present

Adith Thummalapalli
Greg Tyler
Mike Dyer
Ivy McIntyre
Ron Pagano
Michelle Hahn
Amy Crouse

In Attendance

Veronica—UMES Physical Therapy student
Jessie Turner, Mayor's Office Administrative Assistant, City of Salisbury

Call to Order

- The Disability Advisory Committee (DAC) Meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm by Adith.

Introductions and Welcome

- Committee members introduced themselves to our guest, Veronica.

Last Meeting Minutes Review

- Motion by Greg and seconded by Michelle to review and approve the meeting minutes from June 2022. Minutes were reviewed and approved unanimously.

By-Laws Re-write

- Ron emailed the by-laws re-write draft to the group prior to the meeting in August so that everyone could read through the proposed changes before this evening's meeting. Ron would like to have them approved by the October meeting.
- The residency requirement was discussed and it was determined that because this is an advisory committee, it would not be required for a member to be a resident of Salisbury.
- In the section concerning discrimination, Mike suggested that specifications can be removed if not required by law. Adith will review the other statements of discrimination. Andrew proposed changing the language to be gender-neutral.
- In regards to the mission of the Disability Advisory Committee, discussion was had about what accessibility issues exist and how can group address them.
- Section 2—clarification of language recommended on how the name of City and committee can be used.

Progress Reports

- DAC video shoot scheduled for September 1 & 15 at various downtown locations. Adith will send the revised script to the group via email.

Agency & Vulnerable Population Update

- Amy shared about the “Destination Delmarva” kids camp. Nine blind students attended the camp and participated in kayaking, horseback riding, swimming, and other activities.

Open Discussion

- Continued discussion was had regarding accessibility issues in the community and how the committee can address them. Using the Citizen Reporter or a web form on the committee website could be ways to increase awareness. Jessie will talk with City Administration and IT teams to find out what might work. Ron suggested surveying downtown business owners, and Adith recommended looking into grant possibilities for accessibility and equipment.

Next Meeting Date

- Thursday, August 11, 2022 at 3:00 pm in GOB 306

Adjournment

- The DAC meeting was adjourned at 4:02 pm.

Minutes Recorded By: Jessie Turner, City Liaison for the Disability Advisory Committee