

COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
MINUTES
MEETING, MARCH 9, 2023

- I. Call to Order, 6:35PM
- II. Roll Call: Giuseppe Gianino, Taylor Johnson, Aron Shutran, Rita Shutran.
Giuseppe Gianino abs., excused
- III. Approval of Agenda:
As Amended: Second by Aron Shutran
- IV. Approval of minutes from December, 2022

Second by Taylor Johnson
- V. NEW BUSINESS:
 - A. Discussions with Annette Garrett-Ross on a variety of issues including the progress on the input from various commissions sharing ideas for the new courthouse to start app. 2025. We talked about the importance of the Reserved Parking to be ground level with the entrance, the desires of the commission to be involved with the planning. Ms. Garrett-Ross assures Ms. Shutran the architect is aware of all the commissions wanting to be heard RE: the plans for the building. We also discussed the importance of increasing the fines for Reserve Parking violators. It was discussed that this writer heard on the news Birmingham, MI fine is \$100, and Warren, MI fine is \$190.
 - B. The Chair suggested the Commission contact the Library Administrator to ask the libraries in Warren to celebrate Autism Awareness Month April, 2024. This can include showcasing authors, or other notable people on the Autism Spectrum.
 - C. The Chair presented a flyer from Michigan Works RE: a Transportation Town Hall for people with disabilities.
- VI. OLD BUSINESS:
 - A. The Chair asked when to present the Congressional record from the Disability Awareness Fair held in 2019. It was suggested to bring it to the next meeting.
 - B. The Chair asked Ms. Taylor Johnson to bring more information on the Finger Print Project, currently in practice in Madison Height, MI. She

has agreed to bring information to the next meeting, and has stated this is a state wide project.

- C. Discussed the need for mental health personnel for the Warren Police Department.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS:

- A. The light switch in the Mark Twain Room is measured and it is 4'6" from the floor and is in compliance with the ADA of 2016 when the Warren City Hall was built.
- B. The members of the Commission on Disabilities celebrated the service of Vicki Brooks, and we will miss her.

VIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

- A. City Council woman, Mindy Moore, stated the ADA Ordinance from 2017 recommendations are in place.
- B. Ms. Lauri Artz, stated she has not received a letter from Ms. Brooks RE: her complaint about the Reserved Parking at Randazzo's. Ms. Murphy explained Ms. Brooks has just recently departed and no replacement has been hired so no information RE: the letter is available. She also discussed the DDA meeting from October 25, 2022, and voiced her opinion of the progress of the funding for the projects, grant that may be available, etc.
- C. Mr. Tony Baker played an audio from a virtual meeting group RE: the Reserved Parking spaces at city businesses and it appeared to put a "Reasonable Accommodation Standard" in place along with consideration for "Undue Hardship" some businesses could face RE: Reserved Parking. The audio was sometimes difficult to understand, more follow-up or a printed transcript may be needed.

IX. MOTION TO ADJOURN: 6:55PM

Second: Aron Shutran