



Commission on Disability Meeting  
April 20, 2023  
Minutes of Meeting

The meeting of the Commission on Disability was held at 4:00 pm on Thursday, April 20, 2023, virtually using Google Meet Software. Attending the meeting were Sarah Quinn, Christine Diaz, Peter McFarland, and Shiri Ronen-Attia. Also in attendance were Michael Rosen and Darshana Merchant.

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm.

Agenda items for discussion were as follows:

1. The Norwood Library Outreach Specialist, Darshana Merchant, made a presentation regarding the Library Department's programming and awareness of disabilities. There is a Perkins Library event coming to Norwood Library on May 24 from 3-4pm that Ms. Merchant advertised, where the Perkins Library will explain all services that they offer, including materials, programs, a trivia night, books on CD, etc. Norwood Library itself also has many services it provides, such as sensory-friendly Friday movies, and a new sensory-friendly Lego Club – which is a partnership with the Schools.
2. Mr. Rosen reviewed the history of the COD over the past 18 months, and recapped the survey results that we had received.
3. Ms. Quinn offered a few suggestions regarding the Norwood Police Department as related to handicap ticket violations. She also asked if NPD could send a representative to a future COD meeting.
4. Ms. Quinn asked that members begin thinking about where the COD should aim to go in the future, and what it should focus on. A suggestion was made that we hold a program to hear directly from residents, or have a panel. It was pointed out that COD does not have a line item budget, but it could be possible to hold an event for relatively low cost if the program is run either through the Town or through the Schools.

Takeaways:

The COD would like to publicize the links and the flyer provided by the Library.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2023 at 4:00pm. Chair Quinn has asked that members all consider and bring to the next meeting what our mission as a COD should be, and a few goals to focus on going forward.

At 4:31 pm, Mr. McFarland made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Ronen-Attia seconded the motion. The motion, through a rollcall, was approved unanimously.

Duly submitted by Michael Rosen, Assistant General Manager