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AGENDA

Charlestown Disability Advisory Committee

September 11, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Charlestown City Hall Council Chambers

304 Main Cross Street, Charlestown, IN 47111

1. Opening
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Roll Call
2. Standing Business
 - a. Approval or Correction of Prior Meeting's Minutes
3. Old Business
 - a. Community Days
 - b. Upcoming Holiday Events
4. New Business
 - a. Additional item discussion
5. Adjournment

DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

August 14, 2023

5:00 P.M.

THE MEETING OF THE DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE CITY OF CHARLESTOWN WAS HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2023, AT CITY HALL.

President Liz Hardy called the meeting to order at 5:02 P.M. Committee members present were Liz Hardy, Amy Benavides, Marissa Knoebel, Cindy Perkins, Christina Gilkey, and Ashley Tomes. Malinda Feltner was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Liz Hardy noted that committee member Malinda Felter was unable to attend the meeting.

Standing Business

Approval or Correction of Prior Meeting's Minutes

Liz Hardy motioned to approve meeting minutes from July, Amy Benavides seconds. Passed 6-0.

Old Business

City Properties Assessment

Marissa Knoebel, committee member and Parks Director, said she received the committee's feedback and the Parks Department will keep the suggestions in mind while working on their budget. She also said that the new equipment for Greenway Park should arrive in the next week and it should be installed by the end of the year, hopefully before the Halloween event.

Community Days

The committee discussed the details of their participation at Community Days. It was decided that they will be at the city's tent and host sensory times on Friday and Saturday from 6 P.M. to 9P.M. Jennifer David of Outward Bound Support Services, LLC. offered to provide activities as well as use of their building to serve as a quiet space during the event. Committee members discussed a community survey that will be provided at the city's booth to help better understand the needs of the community.

New Business

Community Center at Shadow Lake

New plans for the community center at Shadow Lake came out and Amy Benavides suggested that someone from the committee be present at the public feedback meetings to hear those discussions.

Upcoming Events

Halloween

Liz Hardy informed members that Down Syndrome of Louisville and Special Olympics of Kentucky will be hosting a Halloween Bash geared toward those with disabilities in Charlestown on October 29th.

Marissa Knobel discussed the city's Halloween event in Greenway Park and the potential for the committee to be involved.

Christmas

Marissa Knobel reviewed the upcoming Christmas events, including Light Up Charlestown on November 24th and special guests/activities on December 20th. Liz Hardy suggested the committee be present at the December 20th event and provide a Christmas craft activity.

Jennifer David asked the committee where the supplies/funding comes from for the committee. Amy Benavides answered, saying that everything has come from the committee members themselves and that the committee is not allowed to handle money.

Cindy Perkins suggested a sensory friendly hour, as participating in the busy Christmas activities in town can be very hard for those with sensory (and other) issues. Marissa Knobel discussed the potential of having a sensory-friendly-type hour on a couple days and discussed possible changes in ticketing next year for the train that will help cut down on the waiting and crowds for that.

Additional Item Discussion

None.

Adjournment

Amy Benavides motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:51 p.m, seconded by Christina Gilkey. Discussion immediately followed concerning the schedule of upcoming meetings after September. It was decided that the committee would meet on October 23rd and November 13th at 5pm.

The meeting was officially adjourned by Liz Hardy at 5:56 pm.

X

Elizabeth Hardy
President

X

Amy Benavides
Vice President

X

Ashley Tomes
Secretary

X

Cindy Perkins
Committee Member

X

Marissa Knoebel
Committee Member

X

Malinda Feltner
Committee Member

X

Christina Gilkey
Committee Member