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Minutes

September 20, 2017

10 a.m.

Hyannis Youth & Community Center
141 Basset Lane Hyannis, MA 02601

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Members present: Merrill Blum, Chair; Paul Logan; Anne Mazzola; Linda McKinney; Denis Briand; Paula Breagy; and Tammy Cunningham.

Members Absent: Sheila Mulcahy, Vice Chair and Sabrina Kane.

Guests: Mickie Davies, Recreation; Nicole Mark of Project Forward, CCCC; and John Lundlorn of CORD.

Minutes of July 20, 2017: Paul Logan made a motion to approve minutes of July 20, 2017, Denis Briand seconded. Unanimous.

Discussion with Nicole Mark, Project Forward – Ms. Mark and the Commission had a discussion about Project Forward and its mission. Ms. Mark stated 50% of the students pay the tuition on their own. Mass Rehab pays approximately \$3000. They are working on incorporating the ability to apply for financial aid into the program. Ms. Mark stated the project she is currently working on is funding to secure materials to build a kitchen and bedroom similar to a small apartment to allow the kids to work on life skills. Independent living is the ultimate goal. The BDC and Ms. Mark talked about ways to secure appliances and other items. Ms. Mark stated she will put together a plan and come back to the BDC for discussion. Paul Logan suggested to Ms. Mark setting up a meeting with the Vice President of Cape Cod Community College to talk about the project.

Discussion with John Lundlorn of CORD – Mr. Lundlorn stated he was visiting the BDC to talk about a few programs that CORD is offering and ask for their assistance in spreading the word about the programs. He said they do have an independent living center that consists of mostly Barnstable residents. He said they also do have internship programs. Mr. Lundlorn commented that the Town of Barnstable is the most difficult community to place interns. They don't take them in.

Mr. Lundlorn also talked about the mobile food pantry. An individual does have to have a disability to qualify for the program. He said last fiscal year 1500 people came through. He added that recently DEAF, Inc. moved into their building. They have a variety of assistive technology located in the lobby for those who wish to go in and see how it works.

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Finance Report – Tammy Cunningham presented the finance report. Current balance is \$87,614.21

Review of MOD meeting - Merrill Blum stated the MOD meeting was well received. MOD would like to hold the survey training at HYCC.

Parking Meeting - Merrill stated the meeting went well. Recreation is applying for the MOD grant to assist with the matter of handicap parking and signage.

A brief discussion was held on handicap parking at the schools. Merrill asked that David Kanyock be invited to an upcoming meeting.

Barnstable Self - Evaluation plan – Barnstable does have a self – evaluation plan, however, it is outdated. The plan was put together by Planning & Development. Elizabeth Jenkins, Director of Planning, will be meeting with the BDC in October. The plan will be discussed at that time.

Beach Parking – All handicap parking spaces for beaches will be updated and complete by April of next year.

A brief discussion was held on creating an accessible parking signage fund. The purpose of this fund is to have monies available for the purpose of accessible parking and signage without town departments dipping into their own budgets. The BDC is undecided on this matter.

Office Report –

Paul Logan provided an update on the Craigville Beach Inn. They remain in non – compliance. The matter is still pending before the AAB.

Centerville Plaza matter has been resolved.

There was a site visit at Wequaquet Lake Club House on September 19th. Merrill will email the AAB to find out the status.

Denis Briand stated he visited the Co – Op of West Barnstable to discuss the accessibility matters pertaining to the bank. The manager was unaware of the matter. He then had a meeting with the Architect at their office to review the plan. The building will have no elevator. The second floor is to be used as a break room for employees only. They are requesting variances through AAB.

BCHMCPS was approved by AAB with amendments.

Denis Briand made a motion to grant \$2000 to CORD to be designated for the mobile food pantry, Paula Breagy seconded. Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy L. Cunningham

**The mission of the Barnstable Disability Commission
is to advise and guide the Town of Barnstable and the general public regarding
issues of accessibility in accordance with the American's With Disabilities Act (ADA)
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