

Anne Arundel Commission on Disability Issues
Meeting Minutes
November 28, 2011

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ginger Palmer	Joanna Clarke
Jim Martin	Iris Littig
Joan Heinicke	Gray Gentil
Emerson Davis	Gail Smith
Hilary Raftovich	Rich Scordo
Donna Webb	Mary De Angelo
Nancy Patterson (visitor)	Debra Luziatti-Myers
Nancy Choice	Nancy Jenkins
Pam Jordan	Greg Africa
Wendy Scarborough	Stephanie Phippen
Marsha Dryden	Mary Felter
Jeanne Elion	Klaus Leven (visitor)
Joelle Ridgeway	

ABSENCES:

Bobby Jones	Frank Sullivan
Ivan Candelaria	Terry Clay
Susanne Boyle	Mary Ann Sabo
Jeffrey Gilmore	Kate Rollason
Janice Hayes-Williams	Beverly Rambo
Yvonne Kranitz	Lauren Williams

WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS

Welcoming remarks were given and introductions were made.

GUEST SPEAKER

The guest speaker for the month of November was Ex-Officio Mary Felter, Public Information Officer with the Anne Arundel County Department of Aging and Disabilities. Mary spoke about her duties as a public information officer and described the different forms of media, including social media that are available. She informed the Commission regarding the type of public relations they might want to consider and about identifying the audience.

There was a discussion of the Commission getting a table banner and how the funds could be raised to purchase one. This subject will be talked about in the December Executive meeting.

Minutes:

The October 25, 2011 meeting minutes were approved.

ADA COORDINATOR REPORT:

Pam Jordan gave the monthly report.

- Pam announced that today is the closing date for applicants to apply for the vacant ADA Coordinator position. It could be another month before a new coordinator is chosen.

OLD BUSINESS:

DAD wrap-up-

DAD was very successful. Ginger Palmer and Iris Littig thanked everyone for their support and participation in the event. A discussion followed with the following feedback:

- Shorten the presenters/demonstration time to a maximum of twenty minutes each.
- Make sure the passage ways are clear for pedestrian traffic flow.
- Canine Companions for Independence (CCI) was a huge success as an exhibitor and had a great location.

Art Show-

Richard Scordo described the vision for planning the Art Show and reviewed the time line. The 2012 Artists Without Limitations Art Exhibit will highlight Artists with Disabilities of Anne Arundel County and will be on display at the Arundel Center from April 19 through June 15, 2012. A motion was made by Iris Littig and seconded by Jeanne Elion for the Commission to host the event. A vote was taken and the motion was passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Mayor Josh Cohen asked Ex- Officio Gail Smith, to present citations to the Commission and the Department of Aging and Disabilities for their support and help with the first annual Pathways to Opportunities.
- Donna Webb announced a DDA town hall meeting will be held on Wednesday November 30th at Woods Hall. For more information please see Donna.
- Joelle Ridgeway thanked everyone for their participation in the Holiday Sharing program. She will be delivering the gifts on Thursday, December 1, 2011. If anyone would like to join her, please see her after the meeting.
- The Holiday Party will begin once the meeting is adjourned.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

Next Meeting is Tuesday, January 24, 2012.