

Citizens Advisory Board for People with Disabilities

Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2022

The Citizens Advisory Board for People with Disabilities held its meeting on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 3pm at the City Council Chambers, 2nd floor of City Hall, 555 Walnut St. Board members present were JoAnne Fluke, Jamie Thomas, Debra Sue Turner, Mary Catom and Katherine Ballard. Parks & Recreation staff present were Lesli Andrews, Director, Chris Gibson, Assistant Director, Kelley Messer, Legal and Janina Aguero, Secretary.

The meeting was called to order by Joanne Fluke at 3:07pm

Public Comment: None

- 1. Acceptance of Minutes from September 13, 2022:** Jamie Thomas made a motion to approve minutes. Katherine Ballard seconded, with all in favor the motion carried.
- 2. Joseph Thomas Foundation:** Megan Bolte discussed the Joseph Thomas Foundation. Megan informed the board that the Joseph Thomas Foundation was a program that helped families with items for medical needs. Megan talked about the Closet Program, which allows families in need to find items such as bed pans, shower chairs, strollers, formula and household items to access for free.
- 3. Citylink Update:** Truman Sherod introduced himself to the board as the new supervisor at Citylink. Truman mentioned that the voice announcements have been installed. Truman said Citylink would be accepting a can of food to pay the bus fare on November 21 and 22 to donate to the food bank. Truman reviewed the numbers for the past month and how the hiring of a full time driver has helped.
- 4. American Sign Language (ASL) Mixer:** Sam Melchor, Multimedia Specialist for the Parks & Recreation Department, discussed the upcoming ASL mixer at Cobb Recreation Center happening on November 15th from 6-7:30pm. Sam talked about how the mixer is to encourage community involvement and interest in the upcoming ASL class.
- 5. Purpose of the Board:** JoAnn Fluke discussed the purpose of the board is to be a team that the City needs to bring facts forward to Council regarding issues with city facilities. Chris Gibson, Assistant Director Parks & Recreation, reviewed the Resolution for the Citizens Advisory Board for People with Disabilities.

6. Goals for 2023: The board discussed the following goals:


- a. More discussion with sister city boards
- b. Follow up on places the board toured with accessibility issues
- c. Social media representation

7. Upcoming Board Topics: The Board discussed upcoming topics for the next meeting to include:

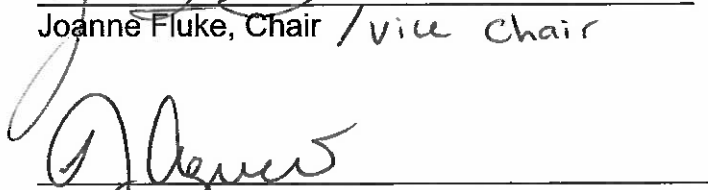
- a. Meeting times, changing to once a month
- b. Bring in Community Focus
- c. Cover definition of what the board is and get understanding of guidelines

Public Comments: None

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:23pm



Joanne Fluke, Chair / vice chair



Janina Aguero, Secretary