

City of Miami Springs, Florida

The Disability Advisory Board met at 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 6, 2014 in the City Hall Council Chambers.

1) Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 5:13 p.m.

The following were present:

Catherine Stadnik

Grace Bain Roslyn Buckner

Absent:

Richard Barnes

Also present:

Board Secretary Elora R. Sakal

Elderly Services Director Karen Rosson

2) Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the May 6, 2014 meeting were approved as written.

Chair Bain moved to approve the minutes as written and Vice Chair Buckner seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on voice vote.

3) Old Business:

a) Appropriating the Usage of Annual Funds Received from the County for Disabled Permit Parking Fines

Board Secretary Sakal explained that Public Works Director Tom Nash advised her that the estimate for widening the gate at Prince Field for ADA access is \$1,200.00 and that funds were available. If the Board agrees on this project a motion can be made to move forward on implementing it.

Vice Chair Buckner made a motion to move forward with the implementation of widening the gate at Prince Field for ADA access. Chair Bain seconded the motion which carried unanimously 3-0 on voice vote.

4) Other Business:

Vice Chair Buckner commented that the City of Coral Gables Police Department received some funding for a database card program that is managed by the Police Department. Cards are issued to the disabled or autistic individual which has their contact information and will inform anybody who comes in contact with them of what their disability is.

Vice Chair Buckner said, in speaking with the Lieutenant of Coral Gables, if this project is kept local, it is not a costly program. She would like to see if the funds can be used on something like this. She is going to do more research on it and bring it back for the next meeting.

Vice Chair Buckner also explained a receiver system called SafetyNet by LoJack that tracks disabled individuals through a bracelet in the event that they run away or get lost. The receiver would be in the Police Department and many municipalities including Miami-Dade have this receiver system while the person has the bracelet, they can be tracked by any receiver in any area. She will do more research on this system and bring it back for the next meeting for consideration.

Elderly Services Director noted that the funding for these projects may also be cost shared with the Police Department or with Law Enforcement Trust Funds.

Vice Chair Buckner would like the grant writer to actively pursue grants in relation to safety measures for autistic, elderly and the like.

5) Adjournment:

There was no further business to discuss and the meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Elora R. Sakal Board Secretary

Adopted by the Board on this 21st day of January, 2015.

Grace Bain, Chair

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