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**ADVISORY BOARD ON DISABILITY SERVICES**  
**AUGUST 2, 2019**  
**CIVIC CENTER ROOM 301**

**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS**

Megan Utley  
Matt Hoffmann  
Brian Kellems  
Tom Bozikis  
Ramona Harvey  
Mark Weatherwax

**STAFF**

Diane Clements-Boyd  
Bonnie Fox

The monthly meeting of the Advisory Board on Disability Services was called to order on the above date by Chairman Matthew Hoffmann.

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Requests – There were no requests added to the agenda.

Roll was called with the above named board members and staff in attendance.

Board member Bozikis reported that the minutes reflected that he was present at the July meeting but he did not attend. The director explained that was discussion as to his presence at the July meeting and it was a mistake. It was properly moved and seconded by board members Kellems and Weatherwax respectively to accept the minutes of the last meeting with one correction. Board members voted unanimously.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

There was no scheduled presentation.

**NEW BUSINESS:****Ordinance Amendments –**

The director reported that the ordinance had been sent to the county attorney and it moved very quickly and there was no communication with the HRC office. She reported a paragraph was missing under Purpose and Objectives and it listed “individuals with disabilities,” but under the Duties and Responsibilities it referred to “people with disabilities” which shows inconsistency. Director Clements-Boyd had given the attorney the city’s version of the Advisory Board ordinance as a guide and she thought they would just copy and paste. Board member Harvey reminded all that the vote was to adopt the city’s version. The director will ask for changes to be made, however she asked board members to look over the ordinance carefully and she will have staff members to look over it also and that will avoid having to make changes several times. Chairman Hoffmann asked the director to scan the documented changes to board member Guzzo to get his opinion before presenting it to the county attorney.

**OLD BUSINESS:****AccessAbility Decal Program –**

The director reported that she has not sent any letters out. Chairman Hoffmann sent the director the names of eight (8) restaurants selected to receive decals. There were more restaurants that were surveyed and all of them needed some work but the names that were sent to the director are ones that needed the least adjustments. Board member Harvey reported that it is beneficial to send letters to all the restaurants that participated and to let them all know the problems that were found and why they were not chosen and maybe they will start making adjustments to being accessible. The board members reported the problems with each restaurant that was surveyed. Chairman Hoffmann reported that the Deerhead has one wheelchair accessible bathroom and the other is not. The committee made a suggestion for Deerhead to make the accessible bathroom unisex. Board member Weatherwax reported that they should not receive a decal until that is done. When the director gets the letter drafted she will send it to the board first for approval before sending them out.

Board member Utley has been working on the decal and the director suggested that she put Evansville Advisory Board on the decal.

**Intelligent Lives –**

The director spoke with Gary May, who made the initial contact with the board about the film, has been very busy and he suggested putting this off to a later date.

**Resource Guides –**

It had been decided at a previous meeting to put this off until later.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Board member Kellems announced that Special Olympics will have a table at National Night Out which is August 6 and he will have handouts from HRC.

There will be a car wash at GD Ritzy’s on August 25<sup>th</sup>.

Lift 4 Life No Boundaries Vanderburgh County will be October 5<sup>th</sup>.

It was reported to the board that Cross Eyed Cricket on the Lloyd Expressway does not have an accessible bathroom.

Board member Weatherwax asked about trees limbs and branches hanging over city sidewalks. The director asked him to take pictures and she will forward to city attorney as it may be the responsibility of the homeowner.

It was properly moved and seconded by board members Kellems and Weatherwax to adjourn this August 2, 2019 meeting of the Advisory Board on Disability Services at 11:35 am.