

**Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities  
January 18, 2024  
12:00pm  
Meeting Minutes**

I. Call to Order

Chair Wanda Becton called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm.

II. Invocation

Chair Wanda Becton

III. Roll Call (Members Present) Liaison Krystal Fuller

Wanda Becton  
Ann Newsome  
Shelby Ostendorf  
Don Willis  
Arndrea Thomas

Janet Baber  
Tamara Wilder  
Pier Protz  
Sandra Merritt  
Ex-Officio Brandi Matthews

IV. Adoption of Agenda

Member Janet Baber made a motion to approve the agenda. Vice-Chair Shelby Ostendorf seconded it. All were in favor and the agenda was adopted.

V. Old Business

A. Approval of Minutes-November 2023:

Member Sandra Merritt made a motion to approve the minutes. Member Don Willis Seconded. All were in favor and the meeting minutes were approved.

VI. New Business

A. Awards Ceremony 2023 Recap:

- Liaison Krystal Fuller Thanked all members for attending and their all of their work to make it successful and encouraged all members to attend all of the events in 2024 to make them successful
- Awards 2024 will be held again in October and will be opened to the public for ticket sales and sponsorship tables
- Plan to announce Awards 2024 at the Mayor's Walk 2024
- Possible plan to already have nomination forms available to hand out at Mayors Walk 2024

B. Mayors Walk Preparation 2024:

- Marketing/Promotions: Contact various support agencies to tell them about the walk, notify returning agencies/individuals about the walk, promote in newspapers, online platforms, and possibly radio station
- Theme: Not solidified, members tasked with thinking of ideas and will pick a theme during February meeting
- Sponsorships: Look for sponsors for various items such as lunch for volunteers and other items
- Additional: Will decide on souvenirs/favors for attendees, drinks, posters/banners, entertainment, and additional program items

C. Look Forward 2024 :

- Liaison Krystal Fuller asked the committee to start thinking of plans, ideas, events that the committee would like to do in 2024
- Events discussed: Attending various popular festivals to raise awareness, bowling event with children, advocating to the Parks and Recreation Department to bring back “Day in the Park”, volunteering with the Special Olympics
- Support materials: Purchase and reach out to sponsors for support materials such as printed brochures, banners, pins, pencils

VII. Liaison Report

A. Membership Update:

- Liaison Krystal Fuller informed the committee that the three applicants for the MCPD that received the most committee member votes was submitted to the Council as a recommendation and the Council will make the final decision as to which board each applicant will be appointed to

B. Member Required Documents

- All Committee members must submit the annual Chapter 31 Disclosure form that is required to continue to serve in compliance

VIII. Committee Member Reports, Comments, Recommendations:

- Community Relations Department Head Felecia Williams informed the committee of the new downtown parking policy and updated the committee on a meeting had with Freedom Baptist church offering their time and resources to help assist the committee in various ways.
- Ex-Officio Mayor Pro-Tem Brandi Matthews: A Citizen brought a very crucial point to her attention, there are no public adult diaper changing stations in the community. The committee all agreed that there is a serious need for this accommodation. Suggestions include touring Edgewood and Meadow Lane Schools

to view the accommodations that they use that could serve as a model for others, reaching out at the corporate level to large area department stores, mall, YMCA, and other popular destinations in the City/County to lobby for the addition of this accommodation and advocate on the behalf of families, citizens, and agencies that will benefit from this feature. The Committee agreed to have the issue as a priority campaign this year. "More in 24"

- Goldsboro citizen that attended the open meeting, Clark Boyston, invited the committee to come out to show support for his presentation to the Goldsboro City Council concerning sidewalk and street safety and accessibility.
- Member Pier Protz invited everyone to patronize "A Night to Shine" fundraiser events and to volunteer.
- Member Don Willis gave an update of GWTA, the passing of their safety audit, a new mascot, an updated website, refreshed logo, new buses, new integrated/accessible seating bus stops, and the expansion of more services into the rural areas of Wayne County.
- Member Sandra Merritt suggested that we reach out to businesses to check their ADA compliance and guidelines, suggested including it in the City's newsletter. She also brought to the committee and City of Goldsboro's staff attention a safety/trip hazard on the sidewalk in front of City Hall.

IX. Adjournment:

Member Janet Baber offered the motion to adjourn, and Vice-Chair Shelby Ostendorf seconded. All were in favor. Chair Wanda Becton adjourned the meeting at 1:05pm.

**\*Minutes taken and prepared by MCPD Liaison- Krystal Fuller**