

Cape Fear Disability Commission General Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2020

Members Present: Billy Eno (CFDC Chair/dRC), Daisy Rivenbark (CFDC Co-Chair), Julia Griffin (CFDC Secretary/NHC SRC), Jonathan Batts (CFDC Treasurer/City of Wilmington), Vanessa Lacer (Wave Transit), Shannon Barham (NHRMC), Debbie Perez-Lopez (UNCW DRC), Linda Thompson (NHC Office of Diversity and Equity), Patrick Lockamy (NHRMC), Melissa Worrell (UNCW Student), Gloria Garton (dRC), Jenna Haugle, Monica McGee (City of Wilmington Interpreter), Valorie McMillan (City of Wilmington Interpreter), Andrea Hickman (Trillium), Juan Hernandez (Wilmington resident), Susan Silver (Comprehensive Care), Renee Holder (dRC), Holly Connor (Onslow Commission for Persons with Disability Co-chair/Easter Seals), Chris Hawkins (YMCA), Ami D'Ambrosio (Sheriff's Office), Kylie Troop (Onslow Commission for Persons with Disabilities Chair/Occupational Therapist), Natalie Quinn (UNCW Student)

I. Call to order

- Billy Eno called the meeting to order at 10:35 AM
- General Announcements – Billy Eno
 - Anyone wishing to speak during virtual meeting please raise your hand and provide name and organization for the benefit of all members and the sign language interpreters

II. Approval of August 2020 Minutes

- August 19, 2020 meeting was held to elect new officer positions. There were no minutes recorded due to secretary position being elected during this meeting.

III. Reports

- RP1: Wave Transportation Report – Vanessa Lacer
 - Wave reopened facilities on 11/16/2020
 - They are now collecting fares on fixed route bus and DART. For the past 7 months they were not collecting fares due to COVID-19.
 - Wave has a community survey (open through the end of January 2021) about transportation for older adults and persons with disabilities. This survey along with a virtual town hall in January 2021 is meant to help identify funding for the next 4 years
 - Wave will have changes coming next summer. They are working on a system redesign which is scheduled to begin July 1, 2021. More info
 - about this is on their webpage and social media platforms

- RP2: City of Wilmington Report – Billy Eno for Jonathan Batts
 - Sign language interpreters for today's virtual meeting will be paid for by the City of Wilmington

IV. Wave Focus Group

- Questions asked by Vanessa Lacer, Billy Eno assisted by calling on participants to answer, Natalie Quinn assisted by recording participant responses
 - If meeting was not virtual what kind of transportation would you have used to get to meeting?
 - Is this generally the way you need to get where you go? Have you changed your choice of transportation or transportation pattern due to COVID-19?
 - Have you ever not been able to go where you needed to because you did not have transportation?
 - What was your best and worst transportation experience?
 - Any further comments?

V. Old Business

- Access of Wilmington – Billy Eno
 - An order for bathrooms to be fixed at Miracle Field has been submitted

VI. New Business

- 9/21/20 CFDC Executive Board Meeting Summary – Billy Eno
 - The Executive Board has selected the following projects to tackle:
 1. Transportation issues
 - a. Addressed in today's meeting
 2. Communication Access for Deaf and Hard of Hearing
 - a. Select leader and start by getting volunteers for a workshop
 - b. Officers will coordinate via email to get started

VII. Special Announcements

- **dRC - Renee Holder**
 - Thanksgiving Peer Support Group on Thursday, November 19, 2020 from 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM. Must register in advance. Contact Renee for additional details
- **Sheriff's Office – Ami D'Ambrosio**
 - Resource for Thanksgiving meal through Wilmington Police Department. Contact Ami for additional details and referral form

VIII. Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn made by Billy Eno at 12 PM. Second by Daisy Rivenbark

Next General Meeting: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 10:30 AM

**All meetings are being held virtually through Zoom due to COVID-19 until further notice*