

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CAPE FEAR DISABILITY COMMISSION**  
**September 21, 2016**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

David Morrison, Chair  
John Edge, Co-Chair  
Andrew Zeldin, NHC Senior Resource Center  
Malea Williams, disAbility Resource Center  
Vanessa Lacer, Wave Transit  
Megan Matheny, Wave Transit  
Edward McCaleb, New Hanover County  
David Schutlz, DSDHH- WRC  
Patrick Lockamy, New Hanover Regional Medical Center  
Jonathan Batts, City of Wilmington  
Katy Brockwell, NC Department of Health and Human Services

**CALL TO ORDER**

- Mr. Morrison called the meeting to order at 10:37 am

**INTRODUCTION**

- Mr. Morrison initiated introductions from commission members in attendance

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 2016 MEETING**

- Mr. Morrison stated he would entertain a motion to revise the agenda and move item #2, Approval of Minutes from the August 2016 Meeting, to the end of the agenda
- Mr. Edge made a motion to move agenda item #2 to the end of the meeting as requested
- Mr. Batts seconded the motion and the motion carried

**SPEAKER ANDREW ZELDIN: NEW HANOVER COUNTY SENIOR RESOURCE CENTER**

- Mr. Morrison introduced guest speaker Mr. Andrew Zeldin
- Mr. Zeldin gave a presentation on the Senior Resource Center and the many programs in which they offer

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

CITY REPORT

- Mr. Morrison introduced Mr. Batts to provide the City report
- Mr. Batts stated that the Inland Greens project is back on the map and indicated the City is exploring options to man the greens
- Mr. Batts stated he will be attending ADA training in the near future and is looking forward to the training
- Mr. Batts stated the repairs to the Dock St. sidewalk are underway
- He indicated he has a list of curb cuts that will be repaired under this project
- Ms. Lacer inquired about the sidewalk network at Kerr Ave. and Cinema Dr.
- Mr. Batts indicated the Kerr Ave. Widening Project is a NCDOT project but he would follow-up on her inquiry
- Mr. McCaleb inquired about the status of the Water St. parking lot
- Mr. Batts indicated he would look into it and follow-up

TRANSPORTATION REPORT

- Mr. Morrison introduced Ms. Lacer to provide the transportation report
- Ms. Lacer provided an update on Wave Transit's new federal grant program for elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities
- Ms. Lacer stated the 5310 Grant Program has been rebranded to WaveConnect
- She stated the WaveConnect brand encompasses all of Wave Transit's accessible transportation services as well as Wave transit's new Travel Training Program
- Ms. Lacer stated Wave Transit's new website, which will contain further information about the WaveConnect Program, is slated to roll out in January 2017
- Mr. Morrison recognized Ms. Matheny to present on Wave Transit's Amenities Program

- Ms. Matheny stated that five shelter amenities were installed within the Wave Transit network
- She stated another five shelter amenities will be installed by the close of the calendar year which will conclude Phase I of Wave Transit's amenities program
- She indicated Phase II will consist of the installation of 15 benches, Phase III will consist of the installation of eight (8) shelters and Phase IV will consist of ADA improvements at the Independence Mall and Monkey Junction Transfer Stations
- Ms. Matheny indicated that all phases should be complete by June of 2017

#### OUTREACH REPORT

- Mr. Morrison provided a reminder that the Ability Garden will be presenting at the November meeting

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 2016 MEETING

- Mr. Edge made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 2016 meeting as presented
- Ms. Williams seconded the motion and the motion carried

#### OLD BUSINESS

- No old business to report

#### NEW BUSINESS- ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ms. Brockwell stated that October is Disability Employment Awareness month and provided further insight on past initiatives taken to celebrate individuals with disabilities in the workforce
- She stated she would like to brainstorm ideas to celebrate this month
- She asked for the committee's feedback on a workforce training session for businesses
- Ms. Brockwell stated she provides a 12 module training session for businesses and can adjust the module content based on the audience or type of business
- Mr. Lockamy asked how much time was allotted for each module
- Ms. Brockwell stated only a few modules can be selected and the training would run about an hour or so
- She stated the training is geared toward breaking down attitude barriers
- Mr. Morrison stated we would try to conduct the business training during the October 2016 meeting
- He stated if anyone knows of businesses interested in participating in this training, please let him know
- Mr. Schultz stated that September is deaf awareness month
- He informed the committee of an awareness event taking place at Ft. Fisher from 9am to 5pm on Saturday
- He stated there will be booths set up and encouraged everyone to come out to the event

#### ADJOURN

- Ms. Matheny made a motion to adjourn the meeting
- Mr. Edge seconded the motion and the motion carried