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Barnstable Disability Commission
Minutes
December 12, 2018
Hyannis Youth & Community Center
141 Bassett Lane Hyannis, MA 02601

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Members present: Sabrina Kane, Chair; Linda McKinney; Paul Logan; Steve Spillane; Tammy Cunningham and Sarah Nicholson.

Members Excused: Sheila Mulcahy; Paula Breagy; Denis Briand; Marc Brunco.

Guests: Michelle Davies and David Kuehn, Executive Director of Cotuit Center for the Arts.

Stephen Spillane opening the meeting by discussing information he obtained through a recent public meeting held to discuss the proposed change to the campus. At this meeting, he had an opportunity to review the plans and ask questions about the design. He commented on their mission statement including the words of access for all.

Michelle Davies commented her Friday Night Social club has attended productions at the campus and they are very good with her attendees who all have diverse abilities and challenges.

Mr. Kuehn stated he is proud of the community they have created. For the ongoing production of Mary Poppins, they added a Friday night program specifically for the Cape Cod Can program. The campus ran this program free for anyone who wanted to attend.

Mr. Kuehn stated they worked with the architect for 3 to 5 months to identify what they wanted and identify a cost. It started with a big dream and then worked its way down. The project will be completed in phases as the funds are raised. He stated it is important that they remain transparent during this process. They have already met with the Cape Cod Commission and all town departments.

Anything new will be ADA compliant. He then discussed the proposed changes to each of the buildings on the property. The first phase is to make the gas station into a pottery studio.

After much discussion, the BDC offered their guidance and support for the project. Paul Logan offered to assist with parking. He also offered suggestions for wheelchair sitting in the theater.

Mr. Kuehn added that he is happy to take recommendations on auditory accessibility. Meeting adjourned at 11:32 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy L. Cunningham

The objective of the Barnstable Disability Commission is to advise and guide the Town of Barnstable the Town of Barnstable and the general public regarding issues of accessibility in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board.

In addition, the Barnstable Disability Commission provides information and referral services to residents.