

**Office of Equity & Civil Rights
Mayor's Commission on Disabilities
Meeting Notes
September 28, 2022**

Participants:

1. Adam Levine – Law Department
2. Aloma Bouma – National Federation of the Blind
3. Brenda P. Haynes – Access Committee
4. David Greenberg – League for People with Disabilities
5. Glenda Curtis - Housing
6. Jack Elam – Housing Authority of Baltimore City of Baltimore
7. Jason Begue – Baltimore City Association of the Deaf
8. Kimberly Grade – Employment Committee
9. Mike Trentadue – Accessible Tech Pro
10. Laetitia Griffin - BCDOT
11. Martin French – Baltimore City Planning
12. Rochelle Purnell - BCHD

Guests

13. Luz Howard – ASL Interpreter
14. Kathleen Cardella – ASL Interpreter

Office of Equity and Civil Rights staff:

15. Caylin Young – Deputy Director
16. Hugh Scoggins – Program Compliance Officer
17. Robin Drummond – Special Assistant

I. Welcome/Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Caylin Young at 1:24 pm.

II. Director's Report

Caylin Young (Deputy Director)

a. Updates

i. Civil Rights Breakfast/Civil Rights Week

- a) Keynote speaker – Dr. Kaye Wise Whitehead
- b) Each OECD Division will be hosting a session for CRW
- c) MCD will be hosting two sessions:

1. Community Forum and Workshop on Life with Disabilities in Baltimore
2. Presentation: Accessibility in Baltimore
3. Tuesday, November 1, 2022

- d) All members of the Boards and Commissions will receive a free ticket to the breakfast.
 - e) Breakfast will take place on Monday, October 31, 2022, at Morgan State University in the Tyler Ballroom.
 - f) Information will be shared next week.
- b. Administrative activities
- i. MCD position has not been posted. If MCD members and participants are interested in being a part of the interview panel, please reach out to Deputy Director Young or Mr. Hugh Scoggins.
 - ii. Deputy Director Young spoke about having a Chair person to assist with the work of the Commission and staff. Mike Trentadue and Aloma Bouma will discuss further with Deputy Director Young.
 - iii. Deputy Director Young would like the Commission to review the governing statutes and by-laws.
- c. The future dates of the MCD meetings for the next fiscal year are:
- i. November 23, 2022, 1:00 PM
 - ii. January 25, 2023, 1:00 PM
 - iii. February 22, 2023, 1:00 PM
 - iv. March 22, 2023, 1:00 PM
 - v. April 26, 2023, 1:00 PM
 - vi. May 24, 2023, 1:00 PM

III. Approval of the minutes

- a. The May 25, 2022 minutes were not approved.

IV. Commissioner's Report

- a. Deputy Director Young called for Commission Subcommittee Reports
 - i. Accessibility
 - No report
 - ii. Legislative
 - Jack Elam gave an overview of the process and plans for the legislative committee and the need to have more members. Aloma Bouma would like to join.
 - iii. Education
 - No report.
 - iv. Housing
 - Deputy Director Young mentioned that there was a major housing bill that was introduced to City Council that he would to bring to everyone's attention soon.
 - v. Transportation

- David Greenberg shared that accessible transportation has improved in terms of MTA Mobility. Ms. Aloma Bouma agreed to work with the Transportation Committee.
- vi. Emergency Preparedness
- Ms. Rochelle Purnell spoke about the water issue and the status of preparation for disability clients. Action: Ms. Purnell will reach out to other members of the Committee and the Fire Department.

V. Open Forum

- a. Next meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2022 via Zoom.

There was no further business to discuss.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Hugh Scoggins adjourned the meeting at 2:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Drummond
Special Assistant
Office of Equity and Civil Rights