

**Office of Equity & Civil Rights**  
**Mayor's Commission on Disabilities**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 29, 2021**

Participants:

1. Adam Levine – Law Dept.
2. Aloma Bouma – National Federation of the Blind
3. Brenda P. Haynes – Access Committee
4. Carol Young – Access Committee
5. David Greenberg – League for People with Disabilities
6. Jack Elam
7. Janice Jackson – W.E.A.N.
8. Kendrick McLeod – Baltimore City Law Department
9. Kimberley Grade – Employment Committee
10. Laetitia Griffin – BCDOT
11. Marlene Hendler
12. Martin French – BC Planning Dept.
13. Meg Young – DOT Transit Bureau
14. Michelle “Shelly” Smith – BC OEM
15. Mike Trentadue – Accessible Tech Pro
16. Raymond Nyakoe – Access Committee
17. Richard Wright – Finance, ORM- Risk Management
18. Rochelle Purnell – BHCD
19. Sharon E. Moore
20. Shonkaye Stanley – Finance, ORM-Risk Management
21. Velma Boykins- Early – Access Committee
22. William Brewer - BCFD
23. Willie Fields
24. Yojinde Paxton - BCPS

Guests

25. Rivka Hozinsky – ASL Interpreter
26. Lisa – ASL Interpreter

Office of Equity and Civil Rights staff:

- a. Sharonda Huffman – Access & Compliance Coordinator
- b. Robin Drummond – Special Assistant
- c. Lisa Kelly – CRC Supervisor
- d. John Wesley – PIO

I. Welcome/Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order by Ms. Sharonda Huffman at 1:05 pm.

## II. Guest Speaker

Meg Young – Department of Transportation – Transit Bureau

### Updates

- Dockless vehicles
  - Ridership
  - Park Corrals
  - Adaptive vehicles

## III. Director's Report

- a. Ms. Lisa Kelly gave the Director's report on behalf of Director Moore.
  - i. The staff of the Mayor's Commission on Disabilities attended the Annual Mid-Atlantic ADA Conference at the Baltimore Renaissance Hotel. Ms. Janice Jackson, Mr. Martin French, and Franc Udentia (HCD) participated.
  - ii. Mid-Atlantic ADA Network in partnership with University of Maryland and Coppin State University will begin focus groups to access the needs of the disability community in Baltimore City.
  - iii. In August, Samuela Ansah, Mayoral Fellow, completed her fellowship with the City's disability community.
- b. Staff activities
  - i. MCD staff has been working with Transportation Department's on the Complete Streets and Accessible Scooters projects.
  - ii. Director Moore and staff will host a meeting with members of the City's leadership and Disability Coordinators on September 30, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.
  - iii. The commission is seeking a chair. Please let any MCD staff member know of your interest.
  - iv. The next meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

## IV. Approval of the minutes

- a. The September 29, 2021 minutes were approved and accepted.

## V. Commissioner's Report

- a. Transportation Committee
  - i. Mr. David Greenberg and Ms. Janice Jackson participated in the Transportation's mobility public forums.
  - ii. Commissioners commented on Homeless Services and accommodations for transportation and people with disabilities in shelters.

V. Open Forum

- a. Comments on vaccine access for people with disabilities.
- b. Next meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2021.

There was no further business to discuss.

There being no further business to discuss, Acting Chair Young adjourned the meeting at 2:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Drummond  
Special Assistant  
Office of Equity and Civil Rights