

Veterans Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

The meeting of the Orange County Disability Advisory Board Veterans Subcommittee was called to order on Monday May 13, 2019 at 4:08 p.m., at 2100 E. Michigan St., Second Floor ABC Conference Room, Orlando, FL. 32806. Chairperson Joe Waczewski opened the meeting and proceeded to call roll.

Subcommittee members present: Sandra Algarin; Daisy Morales; and Jen Vargas. Kirk Root from the Disability Advisory Board; David Bottomley, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) advocate; Diana Font, DM Fonts events; and Orange County ADA Program Manager Karen Ashmeade was also in attendance.

Subcommittee members not present: Beverly Jackson and Karolyn Campbell. A quorum was established.

Purpose Overview

Waczewski stated the purpose of the sub-committee; “to discuss issues related to veterans with disabilities in the community, report findings and make recommendations to the Disability Advisory Board”.

Public Comments

Bottomley spoke on the ongoing concern regarding misplaced bus benches, and the sale of Metro Bench.

Meeting Minutes Approval

The board was presented with minutes from the March 11, 2019 meeting for review. Algarin motioned to approve the minutes with a second by Vargas. There was no discussion and the motion carried – minutes were unanimously approved.

Action Items to Vote On and Discuss

Ashmeade requested that the subcommittee provide names for the upcoming Expo. After some discussion, Algarin presented “Did You Know?”, and the board agreed. Ashmeade requested a vote to adopt the name, and a motion was made by Vargas with a second by Morales. The motion carried – Expo name was unanimously approved. The name will be presented to the full Disability Advisory Board for approval.

Ashmeade recommended that the board host the Expo the Orange TV platform. This would eliminate the need to secure a venue as the Orange TV studios would be used, and this approach could also extend the reach of the message conveyed. The board discussed the recommendation and agreed. Ashmeade requested a vote to adopt the format, and a motion was made by Waczewski with a second by Vargas. The motion carried – format was unanimously approved.

Root has rejoined the Disability Advisory Board and requested to rejoin the subcommittee. There was no discussion; a motion was made by Waczewski with a second by Algarin. The motion carried and was unanimously approved. The matter will be presented to the full Disability Advisory Board for a vote.

Vargas discussed Orange County Apps and also shared App information for LYNX.

Program Manager News

Ashmeade reminded the board that a lot of planning and advertising would still be needed in order for the Expo to be a success. If the Expo is a success, the board requested that Ashmeade inquire into converting the Expo into a regularly scheduled program on Orange TV. Ashmeade advised that Orange TV may be open to that, but advised that she would circle back regarding that matter at a later time. Ashmeade also advised the board that she would be contacting them frequently for needed assistance surrounding the Expo to ensure its success. The board stated they would make themselves available.

Meeting Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for **September May 9, 2019, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.**, 2100 E. Michigan St., ABC Conference Room 2nd Floor, Orlando, FL. 32806. Make it a great summer!