

April 2025

Eastport Disability Committee Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Birdy Velveteen, Laurie Stone, Missy Boyd

Secretary John Morton expressed desire to discontinue secretarial duties in March, Birdy agrees to take them over until a new secretary can be voted on. Laurie Stone motioned, Birdy seconded, passed 3-0

Missy Boyd will remain Vice and Birdy Velveteen will remain Chair, Missy Boyd Motioned, Laurie Stone seconded, passed 3-0

Updates on Discussion Items

Age Friendly Committee:

In December 2024, Former City Councilor Jeanne Peacock blocked the Disability Committee from taking up the duties of the currently inactive Age Friendly Committee, arguing that the Age Friendly Committee was not a formal municipal committee. Birdy produced records of the April 2016 City Council vote that created the committee, as well as a municipal document created by the committee called the Age Friendly Comprehensive Plan. The Disability Committee will re-posit our request to uptake the Age Friendly Committees work in order to give the city access to AARP grants. Motioned by Birdy, Seconded by Laurie, Passed 3-0

USPS Wheelchair Access sign:

City Manager Brian Schuth brought our request for Disability Accommodation signage to the April 2025 City Meeting. Council tabled item without resolution. Disability Committee will repeat request.. Motioned by Birdy, Seconded by Laurie, passed 3-0

Crosswalk Repainting:

City Manager Brian Schuth informed the committee via email that the city will repaint crosswalks after the street is swept, sometime between June and July.

Open Forum/New Buisness:

Missy suggested compiling a list of local, family friendly, accessible recreation opportunities. Birdy suggested printing posters to hang around town for public awareness

Committee discussed the city's newly adopted Public Meeting Participation Policies, which contain inequitable elements. The Committee will review and recommended improvements at our May meeting.

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